



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT OPEN LEARNING

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) is committed to facilitating student access to an excellent university education that fully develops their knowledge and skills and also supports career success. TRU is a modern university serving our students' broad comprehensive learning needs with a wide range of programs. With seamless transitions between programs ranging from university preparation to graduate studies, the University has become a leader in providing students with options to engage in exciting classroom and experiential learning opportunities, including individually supervised research. TRU is also at the forefront of the development and delivery of online and distance education. The University is a member of the Research Universities Council of BC. While especially successful in research-informed undergraduate education, TRU is expanding its offerings in graduate studies, building upon its well-established track record of community-engaged practices.

With its main campus located in the heart of Kamloops, BC, TRU is one of Canada's most beautiful university settings. A vibrant on-campus community of over 14,000 full- and part-time students from across Canada and around the world are registered in undergraduate and graduate degree programs in addition to diplomas, apprenticeships, professional certificates, adult basic education, continuing studies and ESL. Aboriginal education features strongly, with more than 1,200 Aboriginal students. TRU is also a leading destination in Canada for international students. International enrolment now exceeds 1,750 students per semester, with students coming from 85 nations worldwide. Approximately 12,000 students take advantage of TRU's flexible learning options to study online or by distance through the Open Learning Division (TRU-OL). Students can also study at regional centres throughout the interior of BC and at the campus in Williams Lake.

TRU-OL offers over 55 programs and more than 600 courses in a variety of flexible formats, including print-based, web-based, online and in-person. Courses and programs delivered by TRU-OL are fully accredited and recognized by other post-secondary institutions. Students completing certificate, diploma or degree programs by distance through TRU-OL are awarded Thompson Rivers University credentials.

As a key leader, innovator and influencer, the Associate Vice-President Open Learning (AVP OL) reports to the Provost and Vice-President Academic and is a member of TRU's Senior Leadership Team. The AVP OL will champion excellence and innovation in leading TRU's Open Learning Division. The AVP OL will work in close collaboration with academic Deans, service departments, and TRU World to integrate campus and OL Division operations, and harmonize campus and distance courses and programs. The successful candidate will be an inspirational and visionary leader with outstanding administrative experience earned in the field of open, distance and online education. She/he will have strong interpersonal and communication skills, an open, principled approach and respect for diversity. She/he must respect and thrive in a collegial culture, and work towards inclusivity, consultation, and transparency. An earned doctoral degree and a demonstrable commitment to improving the learning environment for a diverse range of students are essential in this role.

This is an exciting opportunity to live in Kamloops, a community with spectacular outdoor recreational opportunities, and to make a mark on a university that is evolving and growing.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. As part of its commitment to employment equity, TRU encourages applications from qualified members of the four designated groups: women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and visible minorities. Applicants are invited to identify themselves if they belong to any of the four designated groups.

Should you want to learn more about this unique leadership opportunity, please call Cameron Geldart or Danielle Conn at (604) 926-0005 or forward your CV, a letter of introduction and the names of three referees in confidence to danielle@thegeldartgroup.com.



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