



ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT OPEN LEARNING

For over 45 years Thompson Rivers University has taken pride in providing an excellent education to students with a variety of backgrounds and perspectives who are at various stages of their learning journey. TRU is a comprehensive, learner-centred, environmentally responsible institution that serves its regional, national, and international learners and their communities through high quality and flexible education, training, research and scholarship. From traditional academics to trades, from certificates to graduate degrees, TRU offers over 140 on-campus programs and 60 Open Learning programs to choose from. Nearly 26,000 students study on campuses in Kamloops and Williams Lake, or in distance or online courses and programs through Open Learning. Research, creation and innovation thrive in TRU's open, flexible learning environment.

The Open Learning Division offers over 55 programs and more than 600 courses in a variety of accommodating formats, including print-based, web-based, online and in-person. Approximately 13,000 students take advantage of these flexible learning options to study courses and programs that are fully accredited and recognized by other post-secondary institutions. Students completing certificate, diploma or degree programs by distance through Open Learning 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 Open Learning 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. The AVP OL 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. A terminal degree in a relevant discipline is required. A demonstrable commitment to improving the learning environment for a diverse range of students is essential in this role.

Thompson Rivers University is strongly committed to fostering diversity within our community. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our staff, our faculty and its scholarship including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity to serve in a leadership role at one of Canada's most innovative universities. To apply or learn more, please contact either Danielle Conn or Cameron Geldart at 604.926.0005 or forward your application package (current CV, a letter of introduction and a list of three references) in confidence to danielle@thegeldartgroup.com.

