



Athabasca University (AU), Canada's only open and online university, is a public, board-governed university operating as a Comprehensive Academic and Research University (CARU). For over 50 years, AU has been dedicated to removing the educational, geographical, financial, social and cultural barriers that often limit access to post-secondary achievement. In doing so, AU provides access to university-level study to a broad range of learners, transforming lives and enriching families and communities by increasing the equality of educational opportunity for learners worldwide.

As a CARU, AU is home to several Canada Research Chairs, Campus Alberta Innovation Program Chairs, and industry-sponsored research chairs. The university also hosts a UNESCO Chair in Open Educational Resources, one of only two in the world. Further to its research expertise, AU has a long-standing practice of working collaboratively with other Canadian and international post-secondary institutions and learning industries and, in 2006, became the first Canadian public university to be accredited in the United States through the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

The President, as Chief Executive Officer, is responsible to the Board of Governors (Board) for leading the university academically, administratively, and financially, guided by the university's mission, values and policies. The President provides strategic leadership and works collaboratively with the Board, General Faculties Council, team members, learners and the broader community to advance the mission and vision of AU.

AU is seeking an experienced, visionary leader who brings a relentless passion and desire to advance AU's commitment to remove barriers to university-level studies and to increase educational opportunities and success for learners worldwide. The next President will possess transformational leadership capabilities as AU continues into its next 50 years at the forefront of personalized digital learning in an innovative and near virtual work environment, an open and digitally enabled learning environment, a complex governance model working with a diverse constituency. The President, with an enterprising and entrepreneurial approach, will combine pragmatism with vision to take calculated risks in the best interests of AU learners, appreciating the complexities of AU's dispersed workforce and respecting the role open access and online education plays today.

To learn more about AU, please visit: www.athabascau.ca

Athabasca University develops and maintains an environment that supports equitable working conditions for individuals traditionally unrepresented in universities. AU is committed to employment equity, encouraging applications from women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

This is an exciting opportunity to serve in a leadership role at Canada's foremost open and online university. To learn more, please contact The Geldart Group at 587.534.2220. To apply, please share a letter of introduction, an up-to-date CV and the names of three referees, in confidence, to aupresident@thegeldartgroup.com.

