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## President

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. To learn more about AU, please visit <u>www.athabascau.ca</u>.

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.

Broad areas of accountability include:

- Creating and implementing strategic direction that seizes short-term and long-term opportunities and addresses emergent challenges to differentiate Athabasca University within the complex and competitive higher education system
- The effective delivery of the university's academic mission grounded in the creation and sharing of knowledge that enables individuals, communities and society overall to reach their highest potential
- Engaging with and contributing to the various communities that are served by AU such that the university strengthens, and is strengthened by, connections to the broader communities AU serves

AU is seeking an experienced, visionary leader who brings a relentless passion and the 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 qualities 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.

Salary Range: To be negotiated. AU offers a competitive benefits package.

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.

