McMaster University
President and Vice-Chancellor

Advancing human and societal health and well-being

McMaster University is located on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Mississauga Nations and within the lands protected by the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement.

McMaster is distinct in Canadian higher education and the University is seeking an equally distinct and inspiring leader to be its next President and Vice-Chancellor.

Ranked among the top 100 universities globally and home to over 60 research institutes with more than 37,000 students, McMaster prides itself as a hub for innovation, discovery, and growth. McMaster is focused on advancing human and societal health and well-being – in its community and around the world.

As Canada’s second most research-intensive university, faculty work across disciplines to find creative solutions to complex problems, help to improve people’s lives and build a brighter future for all. The University encompasses a vast range of disciplines and is a welcoming and inclusive community that values collaboration while supporting and respecting its members and their contributions to the University’s shared mission and goals.

McMaster’s Board of Governors has begun the recruitment for the University’s next President and Vice-Chancellor. Building on the University’s core mission of discovery, communication, and preservation of knowledge through creativity, innovation and excellence, the new President will lead the execution of the University’s strategy and advance the institution’s role and reputation within the national and global communities of research and higher education. The President will inspire confidence, strengthen collegiality and respect in individual and institutional interactions, academic freedom and Truth and Reconciliation, and will model the values of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. In conjunction with the Provost, Vice-Presidents and other senior leaders, the President will provide informed and principled leadership on all academic and administrative matters in McMaster’s system. They will foster a culture that attracts and retains students, while ensuring positive student experiences and well-being are prioritized. The President will promote collaboration and create space for new and innovative sources of revenue. As McMaster embarks on a major fundraising campaign, the President will champion the endeavour and engage with alumni, donors, and the broader community to build support for McMaster.

If you are interested in strengthening the University and enhancing McMaster’s impact in creating a Brighter World, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Kathy Rahme (krahme@boyden.com) and Nick Chambers (nchambers@boyden.com) for more information. To apply, please visit: https://boyden.thriveapp.ly/job/2463.

The Committee for Recommending a President will begin reviewing applications in July 2024 with an anticipated start of July 1st, 2025. For further information on the ongoing recruitment process, please visit: https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/home/committee-for-recommending-a-president/

McMaster University strives to embody the values of respect, collaboration, diversity and inclusion, and has a strong commitment to employment equity. The University seeks qualified candidates who share our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. While all qualified candidates are invited to apply, we particularly welcome applications from women, persons with disabilities, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, members of racialized communities, and 2SLGBTQ+ persons.