

## **Dalhousie University**

### **Dean, Faculty of Science**

Dalhousie University is Atlantic Canada's leading research-intensive university and the region's only member of the U15 group of major research-intensive universities in Canada. Located on the traditional, unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq, in the vibrant, coastal city of Halifax, with our Agricultural Campus in Truro/Bible Hill and a Dalhousie Medicine satellite campus in Saint John, New Brunswick, Dalhousie is a truly national and international institution, with more than half of our 19,550 students coming from outside of the province. Our 6,000 faculty and staff foster a diverse, purpose-driven community, one that spans 13 Faculties and attracts more than \$180 million in external research funds.

The Faculty of Science ("Dal Science") is Dalhousie University's largest Faculty, with eight departments and over 3,500 undergraduate students and 400 graduate students. Its world-class professors, graduate students and undergraduate students conducted more than \$26 million in research last year and the Faculty is home to 15 Canada Research Chairs. Research related to clean energy solutions through small-scale energy storage has positioned Dal Science at the forefront of battery research, solar energy and new materials development. In addition, investments in oceans research through the infrastructure provided by the newly renovated Steele Ocean Sciences Building as well as partnerships and collaborations with the Ocean Frontier Institute and the Ocean Tracking Network place Dal Science among the leaders in ocean sciences research globally. Dal Science is home to innovative undergraduate and graduate programs including the first Neuroscience and Ocean Sciences degrees in Canada and the only Medical Sciences degree in Atlantic Canada. Together, the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Dal Science are empowered to play an integral role in making a difference in our province, our country and all over the world.

Dalhousie University is seeking a new Dean of the Faculty of Science to build on the Faculty's strength as a regional, national and international leader in the sciences. Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President Academic, the Dean of Science is a key member of the University's senior leadership team. The Dean has primary responsibility for setting strategy in pursuit of the academic mission of the Faculty and ensuring the alignment of the Faculty budget with that strategy. Recognizing that the people of the Faculty are the primary engine of its excellence in the academic mission, the Dean supports the recruitment and development of faculty, staff and students and fosters a collegial and respectful environment, playing a leadership role in relation to equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility. The Dean also advocates on behalf of the Faculty and actively builds relationships internally and externally in support of the Faculty, including playing a key role in fundraising and alumni relations development. The new Dean will be expected to not only build upon the existing research strengths of the Faculty, but also facilitate

the development of new strategic priority research areas and continue the Faculty's leadership as a provider of innovative undergraduate and graduate education through the development and support of unique, world-class programs.

As the ideal candidate, you are an experienced academic administrator who has successfully led within a research-intensive culture that prioritizes excellence in teaching and learning. You hold a PhD in a relevant field, an accomplished record of scholarly and research achievements and are eligible for appointment at the rank of full professor. As the ideal candidate, you are willing and able to be a champion of the Faculty and will work to balance the demands of academic rigour and excellence with the mental health and well-being of students, faculty and staff. You have the required financial acumen to lead a large Faculty and are comfortable with revenue generation activities from fundraising to government and industry partnerships. As the Dean of Science, you are collaborative, collegial, an effective communicator and a strong advocate of equity, diversity and inclusion.

The appointment of the Dean is for five years, renewable, and is expected to commence July 1, 2021. Consideration of candidates will begin immediately. Applications (*cover letter, curriculum vitae, and completed Self-Identification Questionnaire*) or nominations should be submitted in confidence to Laurie Sterritt and Heather Fookes at: [Ottawa@leadersinternational.com](mailto:Ottawa@leadersinternational.com)

A complete application must include a Self-Identification Questionnaire which can be found at [Dal Self-Id](#).

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The University encourages applications from Indigenous persons (especially Mi'kmaq), racially visible persons (especially historic African Nova Scotians), persons with a disability, women, and persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit [www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity](http://www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity).

In accordance with the provincial legislation, accommodation will be provided by Leaders International and Dalhousie University throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process, upon request, to applicants with disabilities.