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Director, Rural Development Institute

Professional Associate Rank

Brandon University offers an exciting opportunity to join our team as Director, Rural Development Institute (RDI). This is a tenure track position at the rank of Professional Associate, and is tenable on the BU campus.

RDI was established in 1989 as an academic research centre and a leading source of information on issues affecting rural communities in Western Canada and beyond. RDI provides an interface between academic research and the community by mobilizing knowledge and facilitating community involvement in rural development. RDI is closely aligned with the Department of Rural Development and facilitates inclusive research for enhanced social, economic and environmental development of rural and remote communities. The Director reports to the Dean of Arts and is expected to provide creative and collegial leadership and direction to the institute as well as facilitate and coordinate research, long-term planning and community development/outreach activities within the institute. The position also includes a small teaching component and engagement with the Department of Rural Development (DRD) as well as provision of research and internship opportunities, especially for students in the graduate programs in the DRD (Graduate Diploma and Master's Degree) at Brandon University.

The preferred candidate will collaborate with partners to build networks and develop initiatives to address developmental issues facing rural and remote communities. In addition to core areas in the field of rural development, the successful candidate would be expected to bring thematic areas of interest such as resilience to environmental change, rural immigration, and tourism development.

A doctoral degree, with experience in rural research and community development is preferred, but exceptional Master's prepared candidates with requisite experience may be considered. Effective written and oral communication and the ability to maintain and grow collegial relationships with internal and external stakeholders are required, as are demonstrated grant-writing, administrative, budgeting, and organizational skills. In addition, capacity to facilitate local and international networks for advancement of the rural development paradigm, is desired. Interested applicants should forward a cover letter; a CV; evidence of ability to identify and source funding, proof of citizenship or permanent resident status; and the names and contact information of three referees. Please forward all materials in a single PDF document to the attention of Dr. Balfour Spence, Acting Dean of Arts at RDIDirectorSearch@brandonu.ca.

Rank and salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Start date: June 1, 2022 or at a mutually agreed date.

Deadline to apply: Review of applications will begin December 15, 2021.

NOTE: The successful candidate will be expected to be available to work on campus, and will be required to provide proof of vaccination in accordance with Brandon University's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

Brandon University is committed to equity, welcomes diversity, and hires on the basis of merit. All qualified individuals who may contribute to the diversification of the University, especially women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons, racialized persons, and persons of all sexual orientations and genders are encouraged to apply. Canadian citizens and permanent residents are given priority. Evidence of citizenship must be provided.

We are committed to providing an inclusive and barrier-free work environment. This starts with the hiring process. If you require an accommodation during any phase of the evaluation process, please indicate it in your cover letter. All information received related to an accommodation is kept confidential. To ensure this employment opportunity is accessible to all interested individuals, this posting is available in an alternate format upon request.
