

# Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives), Lakehead University

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Lakehead is a comprehensive university with a reputation for innovative programs and cutting-edge research. With campuses located in Thunder Bay and Orillia, Lakehead has approximately 8,680 students, 11% of whom are Aboriginal students, and 319 full-time faculty. Known for its multidisciplinary teaching approach and its emphasis on collaborative learning and independent critical thinking, Lakehead offers a variety of degree programs at the undergraduate, Master's and doctoral levels, as well as on-campus and community-based programs, continuing education and distributed learning. The University offers specific Aboriginal Programs such as Honours Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal), Native Language Instructors' Program, Native Teacher Education Program, and Native Nurses Entry Program. In addition, Lakehead has a Native Access Program and the Nanabijou Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement Program. Further, there is a Department of Indigenous Learning at Lakehead University and Native Language Programs are also offered. The University also has a Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Education.

The Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) is the senior administrative officer responsible for Aboriginal academic programming, Aboriginal student support services and Aboriginal community relations. The Vice-Provost reports to the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) and works with Deans' Council and Lakehead University Senate (for academic programming), the Vice-Provost for Student Affairs (for student support services), and the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (for community relations) to implement Lakehead University's mission-specific commitment "to work with Aboriginal peoples in furthering their educational aspirations."

The Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) heads the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives. More specifically, Aboriginal Initiatives facilitates a centralized cooperative approach to Aboriginal programming, external community liaison and services to students offered on and off campus. The mandate of this office is to provide leadership in Aboriginal development and to advance, within the University community, an understanding of Aboriginal culture, heritage and language through activities which heighten the awareness of Aboriginal issues and identity.

The successful candidate will be someone who is familiar with the post-secondary system and who has a strong record of leadership and administration, preferably with a PhD; however, strong applicants possessing a Master's degree will be considered. The new Vice-Provost will build on the past success of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives. He/she will have the vision, energy and drive to continue to develop the University's profile and commitment to Aboriginal initiatives. Applicants must be aware of and support Aboriginal history and culture. Knowledge of Aboriginal issues specific to Northern Ontario would also be a decided asset.

Located at the head of Lake Superior, Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus is one of the most beautiful in Canada. Lakehead University's newest campus, opened in 2006, is located in beautiful cottage country in Central Ontario in the city of Orillia. Further information about this singular university and its enterprising ways can be found at [www.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.lakeheadu.ca).

Lakehead University is an equal opportunity employer. Preference will be given to Aboriginal applicants who meet the requirements for the position. The Search Committee will begin considering potential candidates immediately and will continue until the position is successfully filled. The appointment is for a term of five years and is renewable. Applications, including a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the applicant), should be submitted in confidence to the address shown below.

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