

## Senior Director (Academic), Quality Assurance

Established by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) in 2010, the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance (in short, the Quality Council) is responsible for overseeing the [Quality Assurance Framework](#) for Ontario's 21 Universities. Operating at arm's length from Ontario's government and the publicly-assisted universities in Canada's most populated province, the Quality Council's rigorous quality assurance processes—for all levels of university programming—are integral to ensuring excellence, innovation, and creativity in post-secondary curriculum, pedagogy, and education. For more information about the Quality Council and COU, visit [www.oucqa.ca](http://www.oucqa.ca) and [www.cou.on.ca](http://www.cou.on.ca).

The Quality Council administers the [Quality Assurance Framework](#) in partnership with the Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents (OCAV), and has regular engagement with a number of important bodies and committees across the higher education landscape. The Senior Director (Academic) for Quality Assurance must be a champion and custodian of the objectives and guidelines delineated in the framework. The Senior Director (Academic) works closely with the Operations Director who is responsible for the administrative and operational aspects of the office, and reports to the Chair of the Quality Council. The incumbent also serves as Special Advisor to the President of COU and, in that capacity, is a member of the President's Senior Management Team.

The ideal candidate for Senior Director (Academic) will hold a doctoral degree, have experience in university administration at the most senior levels, and academic accomplishments and stature to garner respect, credibility and support from the academic community. The successful candidate must have knowledge of, and demonstrated experience with, the principles and procedures involved in academic program evaluation and quality assurance. The Senior Director (Academic) must also have a strong appreciation for the diversity of academic disciplines found within the academy, will proactively develop and maintain effective working relationships with key contacts in the university setting, NGOs, and the federal and provincial governments, and will have strong leadership abilities and communications skills. The Quality Council operates in a fair, accountable, and transparent manner, produces clear and openly-accessible guidelines and processes, and makes decisions that are reasoned and evidenced-based. On both personal and professional levels, the Senior Director (Academic) must align with these guiding principles.

The Quality Council and the Quality Assurance Framework are currently under review, a significant component of which is a recently completed external review. This process will soon lead to a set of recommendations that, when implemented, will take the quality assurance system in Ontario to the next level. An important responsibility of the Senior Director (Academic) in their first one to two years in the role will be shepherd, and ensure the successful implementation of, the review's recommendations.

Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, but applications from Canadians and



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permanent residents will be given priority. COU is an equal opportunity employer that values the strength that diversity brings to the workplace. COU is committed to providing an inclusive and barrier free recruitment process to applicants with accessibility needs, in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require accommodation during this process, please inform Odgers Berndtson of your requirements.

Consideration of candidates will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled. Written nominations, applications, or expressions of interest may be directed, in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Jason Murray at [couqa@odgersberndtson.com](mailto:couqa@odgersberndtson.com).