The University of Alberta was established with a mission to build one of the world’s great universities “to uplift the whole people”. Created by one of the first acts of the provincial legislature, the University is Alberta’s leading educator, generator of new ideas, and engine of social, cultural, and economic prosperity. It is home to 40,000 students, and its 14,000 faculty and staff in 18 faculties deliver over 700 graduate and undergraduate programs across five campuses. Founded in 1908, the University is one of Alberta’s most enduring public institutions - located in one of the most youthful and fastest-growing cities in Canada.

The University has an international reputation for excellence across humanities, sciences, creative arts, business, engineering, law, education, Native Studies, health sciences, and kinesiology and recreation - with key strengths in areas such as artificial intelligence, transplantation, food safety and security, intersections of gender, precision health, energy, climate change, biotech and clean tech, smart technology, and the Internet of Things. It is home to 91 Canada Research Chairs, and 41 of its faculty members have been awarded 3M National Teaching Fellowships. Its multi-campus environment offers students the benefits of a comprehensive, large-campus experience, an intimate liberal arts education at Augustana Campus in Camrose, or an immersive francophone education at Campus Saint-Jean - all while being connected to one of Canada’s top five research universities and the country’s second-largest research library. The University supports research, teaching, and learning, and provides financial support to thousands of students each year through its $1.4 billion endowment. With strength drawn from deep local roots complemented by over 800 teaching and research agreements with 50 countries, the University spurs innovation that has local, national, and international impact.

Situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis peoples, the University of Alberta respects the histories, languages, and cultures of all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich the University’s vibrant community. University of Alberta has established an Indigenous Initiatives Portfolio to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in a thoughtful, meaningful, and sustainable way. The University has the only independent Faculty of Native Studies in North America.

The University embraces environmental sustainability and has been ranked one of Canada’s Greenest Employers since 2009. A key contributor to the communities of Alberta, the University has a $12.3 billion annual impact on the provincial economy. Its graduate employability ranks among the world’s top 100; innovation hubs connect the University community with Edmonton’s entrepreneurial ecosystem; and organizations founded by alumni generate $348.5 billion in annual revenue.

The University has established an EDI Strategic Plan that is dedicated to achieving a more diverse, equitable, accessible, and inclusive environment for all who work, learn, and live within the University and the broader community. The Plan builds on a long history of work in support of equity, diversity, and inclusivity - in programming, services, teaching and learning, scholarship, and advocacy. Above all, the University values intellectual integrity, freedom of inquiry and expression, and the equality and dignity of all persons as the foundation of ethical conduct in research, teaching, learning, and service.
As the 14th President and Vice-Chancellor, you will form deep relationships across the University and with its important external stakeholders. You will work with the Deans to model and support excellence in teaching and learning, to advance signature areas of interdisciplinary research and teaching, and to retain and renew the University’s exceptional and dedicated faculty and staff. You will embrace and advance efforts to become a more diverse and inclusive community, and to expand access and enrich academic experiences for outstanding domestic and international students and lifelong learners. You will collaborate with post-secondary institutions across the province to support students in building competencies and skills that will serve them well upon graduation and throughout their lives.

As the University’s ambassador and champion, you will be engaged - on campus, in the city and region, and provincially, nationally, and globally - to create mutually beneficial learning experiences, research projects, partnerships, collaborations, and commercializations. You will lead in pushing the frontiers of knowledge, inspiring creative experimentation, and driving innovation, in order to improve quality of life, drive economic diversity, and help shape the future. You will attract and responsibly steward the resources required to deliver excellence to the benefit of all. And you will immerse yourself in the welcoming communities of Edmonton and Alberta.

A distinguished academic and administrator, you are a collegial leader who is progressive, results-focused, and values the contributions of all disciplines. You are an exceptional communicator and relationship builder, known for fostering cultures of respect, connectedness, and trust. You model and encourage creativity, adaptability, and resilience. You will use your skills as listener, synthesizer, and influencer to draw the members of the University community together for a common purpose as it positions itself for the opportunities that can be found in positive, transformational change. Bold, visionary, and inspiring, you will work to enable each member of the University to build a better province, a better Canada, and a better world.

The appointment will begin in the summer of 2020. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Alberta is committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce, and welcomes applications from all qualified persons. The University especially encourages women; First Nations, Métis, and Inuit persons; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply. All responses to Caldwell Partners are confidential. For further details, including specific information about the position, please indicate your interest in Project 190638 at www.caldwellpartners.com/apply.php

The position is for an initial five-year term, and the language of work is English. The Office of the President and Vice-Chancellor is in the South Academic Building, North Campus, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2G7 (president@ualberta.ca). For compensation and benefits information, please refer to www.alberta.ca/abc-compensation.aspx#toc-1, the Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions (Post-Secondary Institutions) Compensation Regulation.