

Job Opportunity

The University of Winnipeg Foundation (“the Foundation”) is a registered and incorporated charitable public foundation dedicated to fundraising and asset stewardship in support of the University of Winnipeg’s mission and vision. The Foundation supports the strategic priorities and values of the University of Winnipeg, contributing to shared goals by building a strong base of endowment funds. Its strategic intent is to substantially increase the value of charitable gifts in support of the University’s strategic directions: academic excellence and renewal; student experience and success; Indigenization; research excellence, knowledge mobilization and impact; and financial and institutional resilience.

The University of Winnipeg is a dynamic campus and a downtown hub that connects people from diverse cultures and nurtures global citizens. It offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs including several that are unique in Western Canada, for example, a Bachelor of Arts in Human Rights, and a Master’s degree in Development Practice with a focus on Indigenous Development. The University’s graduates’ value their educational experience, and UWinnipeg consistently ranks highly in national surveys for overall reputation, small class sizes, academic excellence and commitment to the environment.

Reporting to the Board of Directors of the University of Winnipeg Foundation, and working closely with the University’s President and the Senior Leadership Team, the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation is a key member of, and contributor to, UWinnipeg’s financial generation and sustainability. The Chief Executive Officer’s mandate is to ensure strong, robust philanthropic support for the University of Winnipeg. The Chief Executive Officer will do this through building and maintaining positive, collaborative and collegial relationships across the university campus and externally with alumni, donors, and community stakeholders and partners. The Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for ensuring and supporting a culture of excellence and professionalism in the Foundation, mentoring and providing growth opportunities for the team, and creating measurable objectives to support fundraising.

The ideal candidate is a strategic and successful fundraising leader who provides strong leadership through the implementation of best practices and who creates a culture that is supportive of equity, diversity and inclusion. The ideal candidate must have successful experience at both raising significant philanthropic donations through either professional or voluntary experience, and with collaborating and supporting academics and researchers. Strong financial management skills including of investment policies, governance and fiduciary matters, outstanding attributes as a people manager, an ability to build strong partnerships with both internal and external stakeholders, and an ease communicating with groups of varying size and sophistication are also required. Knowledge of decentralized staffing models, experience with all aspects of fundraising from stewardship through solicitation, management of high-level volunteer recruitment and strategic alumni engagement activities are all considered strong assets.

To explore this significant leadership position at the University of Winnipeg Foundation further, please contact Jane Griffith or Robin Noftall at robinn@leadersinternational.com

The University of Winnipeg Foundation is committed to equity, diversity and inclusion and recognizes that a diverse staff/faculty benefits and enriches the work, learning and research environments, and is essential to academic and institutional excellence. We welcome applications from all qualified individuals and encourage women, members of racialized communities, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity to confidentially self-identify at time of application.

In accordance with the provincial legislation, accommodation will be provided by Leaders International and the University of Winnipeg Foundation throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process, upon request, to applicants with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.