

**University of Northern British Columbia
Chief Information Officer**

The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) aspires to be Canada's premier small, research-intensive university, with internationally recognized academic and research programs that prepare its graduates in select areas of relevance to the region, province, and beyond. The University has garnered significant recognition for its successes, including being ranked third in the primarily undergraduate category in the annual Maclean's Magazine survey, best small university in western Canada and most recently tying for first place with Harvard for the best campus sustainability project in North America.

The Chief Information Officer (CIO) is the principal technology leader for the university with overall responsibility for the vision and leadership of the information technology (IT) strategy. Reporting to the Provost and Vice President of Administration and Finance, the CIO will oversee the delivery of all technology services supporting administrative, academic and research functions. The CIO will lead an organization of approximately 50 staff and manage an annual budget approaching \$8 million. While most IT services are centralized, the CIO will work in close collaboration with leadership and senior administration to understand client needs and deliver solutions that meet the needs of the stakeholders. He/she will ensure that technology talent is appropriately structured to deliver services in an efficient and effective manner across the organization.

A key priority will be to continue to enhance the service orientation of the organization and to fulfill its mission to provide products and services that faculty, students, and administrative departments depend upon for their various information technology needs. Furthermore, he/she will bring a deep understanding of future technology trends and be able to craft a long-term vision for the University, ensuring that students, faculty and staff have the necessary tools for success.

The CIO will lead a portfolio of services that includes servers, networks, telecommunications, enterprise application and support, software development, desktop management and support, audio/visual and video conferencing, vendor management, disaster recovery, projects, institutional research and the distributed UBC medical program. Further, the CIO is responsible for ensuring the security of systems and integrity of electronic records and data at the university.

The successful candidate will be a senior manager responsible for technology strategy and direction within a large, growing, complex organization in which technology and information systems are critical to the successful operation of the organization. Experience in an organization with a collegial culture and distributed decision making will be an asset. This is an opportunity to lead the best small university in Western Canada in the development of leading-edge IT infrastructure, services and strategy that support excellence in teaching, learning and technology.

To explore this opportunity further, please contact our search consultants Tara Parry, Ken Werker or Brent Cameron of Odgers Berndtson at (604) 685-0261 or submit your resume online at: www.odgersberndtson.ca/en/careers/10342

The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.