



CIFAR

Vice President, Research

CIFAR is a Canadian-based global charitable organization that convenes extraordinary minds to address science and humanity's most important questions. By supporting long-term interdisciplinary collaboration, CIFAR provides researchers with an unparalleled environment of trust, transparency and knowledge sharing. CIFAR's time-tested model inspires new directions of inquiry, accelerates discovery and yields breakthroughs across borders and academic disciplines. Through knowledge mobilization, CIFAR is a catalyst for change in industry, government and society. CIFAR's community of fellows includes 20 Nobel laureates and more than 400 researchers from 22 countries. In 2017, the Government of Canada appointed CIFAR to develop and lead the Pan-Canadian Artificial Intelligence Strategy, the world's first AI Strategy.

Reporting to the President and CEO and as a member of CIFAR's executive team, the ***Vice President, Research*** supports the President in maintaining the intellectual leadership of the Institute's research programs and related activities. The Vice President will provide leadership in the development and evolution of the research portfolio of the Institute, in future research activities, and in furthering the Institute's international reach. The Vice President will engage in the advancement, advocacy and promotion of the Institute among key stakeholder groups.

The ideal candidate is a highly regarded, experienced and credible research administrator who can articulate to both academic and non-academic communities the important role CIFAR plays in supporting fundamental research across disciplinary boundaries. The ideal candidate will be familiar with the Canadian research university setting and research environment, and will have the ability to evaluate new programs and initiatives on behalf of the organization. Strong people management and communication skills, and the ability to build strong partnerships with both internal and external stakeholders are also required. Excellent knowledge and experience of financial and human resources and administrative procedures are required. An established intellectual network in Canada and globally, and the fluidity to translate those relationships into support of CIFAR's programs is a desired skill set. Appointment term and type are flexible, including as a possible secondment from a post-secondary institution. Ideally the new Vice President will take office on or about July 1, 2020.

One of CIFAR's core cultural values is Diversity - we value diversity and aspire to be inclusive in all aspects of our work. CIFAR is an equal employment opportunity employer and is strongly committed to removing systemic barriers and biases, and by promoting the practice of inclusivity, so that all individuals have equal access to and benefit from the work we do. We encourage applications from visible minority group members, women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to diversity within our organization.



To explore this key leadership position at CIFAR further, please contact Jane Griffith or Sarah Adams at sarah.adams@odgersberndtson.com or submit your resume and related information in confidence online at www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/15494 .

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

CIFAR is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and CIFAR throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.