

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

POSITION PROFILE

Trent University is seeking prospective Board members to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2020.

The University seeks to develop a Board composed of members who have a passion for university education, are highly effective communicators, able to consider other perspectives in making their decisions, are committed to understanding and practicing good governance, engage at a strategic and conceptual level, will serve in leadership roles if asked, are able to commit the necessary time and energy to the Board, and are willing to participate in the life of Trent University as an active ambassador and advocate. This is a challenging position that requires the volunteer to grapple with complex information and make difficult decisions that will have great impact on the future of this important institution.

While all interested applicants are encouraged to consider this opportunity, Trent is seeking in particular members who have one or more of the following skillsets or experience in their career:

- Experience leading and managing collaborative community endeavours and multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Profile within the local community, with particular emphasis on Durham Region
- Adept at navigating challenging and complex issues in the public sphere; sophisticated communication and mediation skills
- Willing and able to contribute to fundraising: ie capacity to give at a major or transformational gift level, networks and ability to influence others who can give at this level
- Political acumen, networks and experience in government relations, particularly at the provincial level
- Entrepreneurial approach and/or experience in innovative endeavours

- Experience with sustainable land development, partnerships and construction management
- Distinguished public profile and reputation, broad networks and connections
- Have an understanding of the challenges in administration and governance of public sector institutions, experience on public sector boards
- Experience in finance and investment for complex public sector institutions
- Senior or mid level executive experience in large organization or institution

The Board is of the view that diversity of Board membership enhances the ability of a governing body to be responsive to the communities it serves and to make balanced, creative decisions. The Board sets for itself the goal of bringing a wider range of backgrounds, perspectives and information to the Board table by increasing opportunities for indigenous persons, persons with a disability, visible and non-visible minorities, and members of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered and queer communities, *who meet the above requirements of the position profile*, for appointment to external seats on the Board.

Individuals interested in applying to be considered, or interested in nominating a candidate, will find application forms and other relevant information at www.trentu.ca/boardrecruitment. Completed application or nomination forms must be submitted by **February 28, 2020** to: Nominating & Governance Committee c/o University Secretariat at secretariat@trentu.ca.