Athabasca University (AU), Canada’s Open University, is devoted to the removal of barriers that restrict access to and success in university-level study and to increasing equality of educational opportunity for adult learners worldwide. As Canada’s only digital learning university, created by Alberta innovators, Athabasca University’s classrooms, collaboration spaces and student hubs are not brick and mortar facilities but rather cloud and code based. Athabasca University provides learning for life. Through the achievements of its students, faculty and staff, AU stands out as a provider of high quality post-secondary education. AU serves over 40,000 students and offers more than 850 courses in more than 55 undergraduate and graduate programs in a range of arts, science and professional disciplines. To learn more about AU, please visit www.athabascau.ca.

The successful candidate will be an inspirational and effective leader with an exemplary academic background and significant research administration experience. Athabasca University is seeking a leader who has an outstanding track record of securing Tri-Agency funding, leading and managing a substantial research program, publications or equivalent forms of disseminated research, as well as experience supervising undergraduate and graduate students. The candidate of choice will possess an earned doctorate and respect and thrive within a collegial culture and work towards inclusivity, consultation and transparency.

Broad areas of accountability include:

- Developing strategies to enhance the university’s diverse activities in research and scholarship
- Representing and promoting the university’s research achievements and excellence provincially, nationally and internationally
- Providing leadership in the development and implementation of AU’s research and scholarly goals, ensuring resources are aligned with these goals
- Leading the development of and maintaining oversight of the portfolio’s operating budget and participating in university-wide integrated resource planning
- Fostering excellence in communication that builds upon and reinforces AU’s reputation as a leader in open and distributed teaching, research and community engagement

Salary Range: $170,000 to $215,000 per annum; AU offers a competitive benefits package, pension plan and relocation assistance.

Athabasca University develops and maintains an environment that supports equitable working conditions for individuals traditionally under-represented in universities. The University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from women, indigenous people, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity please call Ashley Brown or Cameron Geldart of The Geldart Group at 587.534.2220 or forward your CV, a letter of introduction along with the names and contact information of three referees, in confidence, to ashley@thegeldartgroup.com.