



CHANCELLOR ROLE PROFILE

Chancellor Role

The Chancellor is the ceremonial, or titular, head of Mount Royal University. By legislation, the Chancellor presides over degree-conferring ceremonies, confers the said degrees, and acts as an ambassador in advancing the interests of the University and the post-secondary sector. The Chancellor serves as a member of the Board of Governors and represents the University at ceremonial occasions and in an official capacity at external functions from time to time. The Chancellor advances the University's mission through their role as an ambassador and in introducing the University to others of influence and interest.

The Chancellor of Mount Royal University should be a highly esteemed individual who is regarded as a leader in the community at large and is able to command the respect of the university community and build bridges between the two. They should appreciate and embody the values of the University, embrace its accomplishments and aspirations, and carry out the Chancellor's duties in a way that enhances the University's welfare. They should have the capacity to convey to the public and to government the value of universities in general, and Mount Royal University in particular, and to remind the University of the needs and expectations of society. The Chancellor should have the time to confer the University's degrees at Convocation, to play an active role in the University and to participate in its ongoing life.

In carrying out this role, the Chancellor has the following responsibilities:

1. Preside over all degree-conferring ceremonies of the University, including the presentation of honorary degrees.
2. Act as an ambassador for the University and advise the University on areas of their expertise.
3. Participate in activities that advance the University's interests as agreed to by the Chancellor and the President and Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-President, University Advancement.
4. Participate in fundraising and alumni relations activities for the University as agreed to by the Chancellor and the President and Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-President, University Advancement.
5. Serve as a member of the Board of Governors and possibly on Board committees.
6. May be called to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors and/or other University committees, as appropriate.
7. Serve as an advisor/sounding board for the President.

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Attributes of an Ideal Candidate for Chancellor of Mount Royal University

- A highly respected leader who acts with integrity.
- An inspiring and engaging individual who will work to promote Mount Royal University as a leading undergraduate university.
- An astute advisor who will represent the public interest in the University, serve as a respected member of the Mount Royal University Board of Governors, and champion post-secondary education.
- A gifted speaker, strong relationship builder, passionate ambassador and connector, seeking to create an open, inclusive and welcoming community.
- An approachable individual with sound judgment, strong interpersonal skills, and the courage of their convictions.
- An individual with time, flexibility, and energy to carry out the responsibilities of the Chancellorship.

Characteristics of an Ideal Candidate for Chancellor of Mount Royal University

- A passion for and commitment to Mount Royal University as a public institution.
- A profound and enduring interest in public education.
- A demonstrated ability and willingness to create community connections and build relationships supportive of the University.
- An understanding of equity and diversity as central to a strong Mount Royal University.
- Respect for the importance of the University's efforts in building bridges with Indigenous communities, including an understanding that Mount Royal University has made its home on traditional lands.
- An understanding of the role of the Chancellor within the leadership of the University community.
- An ability to partner with the President, Board of Governors, senior administration, student leaders, and other key stakeholders in pursuit of the goals of the University.
- A presence and integrity that reflects the importance of the role of Chancellor in presiding over all University convocation celebrations.
- An authentic engagement with people.
- A history of active involvement and respected leadership within the community at large.

Other Requirements

- Canadian citizenship, or is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence
- Resident in Calgary or a surrounding community
- Ability to meet, or exceed, the required time commitment
- Demonstrated knowledge of, commitment to, and connection with the community of Calgary

Time Commitment

The role of Chancellor is a robust volunteer position that generally requires, but is not limited to, the following minimum annual commitments:

Convocation

- 3.5 days in June for Convocation
- 1 Convocation dinner (June, during Convocation Week)
- ½ day for Convocation in November
- Preparation for Convocation activities

Board of Governors

- 5 Board of Governors meetings
- 5-6 Board Governance & Nominating Committee meetings
- 1 Board of Governors retreat
- Preparation for Board meetings and retreat

Other activities as required and schedule permitting. This may include attendance at University events and meetings on or off campus.

Appointment

The Board of Governors elects a Chancellor for a term of four years. A Chancellor cannot be reappointed.

Remuneration

The Chancellor is not remunerated for their service. The University, in accordance with University policies, will reimburse expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Chancellor expenses are voluntarily disclosed by the University.