

Piluwitahasuwin (Assistant Vice-President, Indigenous Engagement)

Founded in 1785, the University of New Brunswick (UNB) is proud to be one of the first public universities in North America and the oldest English-language university in Canada. UNB offers undergraduate and graduate programs in more than 75 disciplines and continuing education in a variety of fields. UNB has two main campuses in Fredericton and Saint John, both of which lie on traditional territory of Wolastoqiyik.

UNB recognizes that the unresolved relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people limits us from reaching our full potential as a society. The University has drafted a TRC Strategic Action Plan outlining short- to long-term priorities for rightful recognition of Indigenous peoples and cultures on UNB's campuses and contributing to the reconciliation process through higher learning. Piluwitahasuwin is a Wolastoqey term meaning 'one who promotes change in a good way toward truth' and UNB is seeking a **Piluwitahasuwin (Assistant Vice-President, Indigenous Engagement)** who will propel these initiatives forward and promote change toward truth.

As a vital link between the University of New Brunswick and the Wolastoqey and Mi'kmaq Culture and Territories, the AVP will develop and foster positive internal and external relations between the broader University community and the Indigenous community, territory, and its stakeholders. The TRC Strategic Action Plan has been described as a Sacred Bundle, a path with responsibilities, obligations, and guidance for action, and the AVP will walk that path in partnership with the Indigenous Advisory Council, stakeholders, faculty, and staff to create a safe Indigenous academic institution.

This position reports to the President and is a bi-campus role; the successful candidate may choose either campus as their primary office location but regular travel between, and collaboration with, both campuses will be essential to the successful execution of the mandate.

As the ideal candidate, you come to the role with authentic knowledge of the local Indigenous territory, culture, history, leadership, and sociopolitical context. You understand and believe in UNB's mission and vision and have a strong desire to work collaboratively across the University to implement initiatives, build reconciliation, and deepen relationships with Indigenous communities. Your wide-ranging experience across multiple sectors, including education, have prepared you well to serve as a key resource to senior leaders as they look to propel change across a wide spectrum of inter-connected portfolios. By employing a Two-Eyed Seeing approach you recognize the strengths and ways of Indigenous knowing, being, and doing alongside the strengths of Western knowledge and use both eyes for the benefit of all.

The University of New Brunswick is actively seeking an Indigenous candidate for this position, preferably from the Wolastoqey or Mi'kmaq Territory.

This appointment is open to candidates who would be eligible to hold a faculty appointment as well as to candidates who would hold a staff appointment.

The University of New Brunswick is committed to employment equity and fostering diversity within our community and developing an inclusive workplace that reflects the richness of the broader community

that we serve. The University welcomes and encourages applications from all qualified individuals who will help us achieve our goals, including women, visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

The Search Committee for the Piluwitahasuwin (Assistant Vice-President Indigenous Engagement) welcomes recommendations from the community and encourages community members and potential candidates to connect with George MacLean, Vice-President Academic (Fredericton), Chair of the Search Committee, to further discuss this opportunity.

To apply please also submit your curriculum vitae and cover letter to the Chair of the Search Committee at George.macleaun@unb.ca