



## University of Manitoba

### Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

*The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Ininewuk, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate and Dene, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.*

*UM respects the Treaties that were made on these territories, acknowledges the harms and mistakes of the past and present, and dedicates itself to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of Reconciliation and collaboration.*

*UM recognizes that this acknowledgment only holds meaning when reflected in the actions taken to address the injustices and barriers that have disproportionately affected Indigenous Peoples and communities, systemically preventing them from accessing and benefitting from education. Grateful for the territories and lands on which the university community learns, conducts research, and engages with external partners, UM is guided by this acknowledgment in carrying out the core work of its mission, the priorities it sets, and the decisions made to move forward as an institution.*

[The University of Manitoba](#) (UM), established in 1877, is Manitoba's premier research-intensive university and member of [the U15](#). With over 26,000 undergraduate and 4,000 graduate students, UM is a vibrant, diverse, and impactful community of world-class researchers who share their expertise locally, nationally, and internationally, dedicated professional staff, Indigenous learners, and students from over 120 countries. UM excels in areas such as food science, arctic system science, climate change, health, and social justice. Offering diverse programs and extensive experiential learning opportunities, UM provides robust support systems to ensure student success, enriching the cultural fabric of Manitoba while addressing global challenges.

One of the most research-intensive Faculties at the University of Manitoba, the [Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences](#) is recognized across Canada and around the world for expertise across several key areas including crops and cropping systems of the future, livestock, food innovations for nutrition and health, and decision-making through data and technology. Since its founding in 1906, the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences has continuously evolved to meet the changing needs of the world, embracing new technologies, interdisciplinary collaboration, and agile curriculum focused on student success. The Faculty recently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country for food science and technology. The Faculty's unique partnerships with industry and government provide vast opportunities for its students and alumni to lead critical local and international initiatives related to food, human health and agriculture, among many others.

The University of Manitoba invites applications and nominations for the position of **Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences**. Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean is a member of the University's senior leadership team and is responsible for the academic and administrative leadership of the Faculty. Leading a Faculty consisting of over 1100 students, 88 faculty, and 129 staff, the Dean will be the



champion of an extensive suite of innovative programs, research, infrastructure, and partnerships. The Dean will inspire, guide, and support the Faculty in continuing to generate leading-edge research, programs, and partnerships that directly benefit Manitoba, Canada, and the world at a time of change and opportunity.

The successful candidate will be a respected scholar and strategic academic leader appointable to the rank of Associate or Full Professor. The Dean will provide visionary leadership, prioritizing collegiality and collective success, promote research and teaching excellence, and will balance innovation and sustainability while planning and leading the Faculty's programs, initiatives, facilities, and resources. An excellent relationship-builder, the Dean will lead meaningful engagement with internal and external partners, fostering mutually beneficial partnerships and engagements with industry and governments to support the Faculty's and University's goals. The Dean will actively promote equity, diversity, inclusivity, and reconciliation, incorporating these into the fabric of the Faculty.

The University of Manitoba has partnered with Andrea Patrick and Nick Ketley of Odgers Berndtson to lead this search. Consideration of candidates for this position will begin in March 2025 and applications will be accepted until April 25, 2025. Applications and nominations are encouraged immediately and should be submitted online at <https://careers.odgersberndtson.com/en-ca/job/30165/>. For more information, or to submit a nomination or application, please contact Nick Ketley at [UMDean@OdgersBerndtson.com](mailto:UMDean@OdgersBerndtson.com). It is expected that the incoming Dean will onboard no later than January 2026 for a five-year, renewable term.

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*The University of Manitoba is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from women, racialized persons/persons of colour, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.*

*In accordance with provincial legislation, accommodation will be provided by the University of Manitoba and Odgers Berndtson throughout the search process, upon request, to applicants who require accommodation. Accommodation requests can be forwarded to [UMDean@OdgersBerndtson.com](mailto:UMDean@OdgersBerndtson.com).*