

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

St. Mark's College, an affiliated college of the University of British Columbia (UBC), and Corpus Christi College are conducting an extensive international search for a Principal and President, to take office July 2022, and invite expressions of interest, applications and nominations.

Located on the Vancouver campus of UBC, St. Mark's College and Corpus Christi College form a vibrant centre for undergraduate and graduate Catholic higher education at UBC and in British Columbia, committed to preparing students to integrate and synthesize faith and reason to serve humanity better. The two Colleges are set to formally combine by 2023, subject to an amendment in the College charter that is granted by the legislature of the Province of British Columbia. Thereafter, the roles of Principal and President are to be formally merged.

St. Mark's College, the Catholic theological college at UBC, offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Culture and a range of graduate and continuing education experiential programs to teachers, administrators, health workers and other professionals, including master's degrees, certificates and diplomas in Catholic Educational Leadership, Pastoral Studies, Religious Education and Theological Studies. In addition to its academic programs, the institution provides the theological formation for those studying for the permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese of Vancouver; and its Centre for Christian Engagement creates a culture of encounter and dialogue to address challenges in the life of faith. The College affords a dynamic pastoral presence and faith development opportunities for students, faculty and staff who work and study on the university campus. For further information, please visit stmarkscollege.ca.

As a private, not-for-profit Catholic liberal arts college, Corpus Christi College pursues its mission through its two-year university transfer programs in arts, business, and science, which provide an Associate of Arts degree and allow students to transfer into university degree studies at St. Mark's College, at UBC and across North America. The College strives to provide for curricular and pedagogical excellence so that graduates will be prepared to take on the intellectual, professional and social challenges of our times. For further information, please visit corpuschristi.ca.

The Principal and President is the chief executive officer of both St. Mark's College and Corpus Christi College, and is responsible to the Executive Boards for strategic direction and the entire academic and administrative operation of St. Mark's College and Corpus Christi College. The Principal and President provides leadership and works co-operatively with the Executive Boards, UBC's Senate, the Archdiocese of Vancouver, Deans, faculty, staff, students and all members of the community located on the university campus to advance the mission and spirit of the Colleges and to raise their profiles locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.

Candidates must have a thorough grasp of contemporary issues in post-secondary and Catholic higher education, including familiarity with the Catholic liberal arts tradition. S/he should possess a collegial working style, experience or interest in advancement, and the ability to represent and promote the interests of St. Mark's College and Corpus Christi College effectively with both internal and external constituencies. The successful candidate will be a visionary and strategic academic with demonstrated administrative experience in higher education, outstanding organizational and interpersonal skills, a commitment to teaching, the leadership ability to guide the affairs of both institutions, and a commitment to enhancing their respective missions.

Given that St. Mark's College and Corpus Christi College are Catholic institutions of higher education, the Principal and President is entrusted to ensure that the missions of both institutions are in harmony with the Ordinances issued by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to implement *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* with respect to Catholic universities and colleges in Canada.

St. Mark's College and Corpus Christi College hire on the basis of merit, are committed to employment equity, and encourage all qualified individuals to apply.

The search committee will begin considering potential candidates immediately. Applications should include a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees (who will not be contacted without the consent of the candidate) and be forwarded on or before September 15, 2021 electronically in confidence to:

searchcommittee@stmarkscollege.ca

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