



CHANCELLOR ROLE PROFILE

Chancellor Role

The Chancellor is the ceremonial, or titular, head of Mount Royal University. By legislation, the Chancellor presides over convocation ceremonies, confers degrees, and acts as an ambassador in advancing the interests of the University and the post-secondary sector. By legislation, the Chancellor serves as a member of the Board of Governors and may choose to serve on Board committees. The Chancellor represents the University at key community and ceremonial occasions. 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 is a highly esteemed individual who is regarded as a leader in the community at large, is able to garner 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 and reputation. They should be an advocate to the public and to governments about the value of universities in general, and Mount Royal University in particular, and to remind the University of the needs and expectations of society. In addition to ceremonial duties, the Chancellor plays an active role in the University and actively participates in its ongoing life.

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

1. Act as an ambassador for the University.
2. Preside over all degree-conferring ceremonies of the University.
3. Assist in the selection of university honours, including the selection and presentation of honorary degrees.
4. Participate in activities that advance the University's interests and engage with internal and external communities as agreed to by the Chancellor and the President and Vice-Chancellor.
5. Serve as an advisor and sounding board for the President. Connect stakeholder objectives (students, businesses, province, internal/external connections) to provide advice to the President and Board.
6. Connect with students, staff, and faculty and attend internal events to be attuned to the pulse of our campus culture.
7. Participate in fundraising activities for the University as agreed to by the Chancellor and the President and Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-President, University Advancement.
8. Serve, as per the *Post-secondary Learning Act*, as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors.
9. May be called to support and advise the Mount Royal University Foundation Board of Directors

Attributes of an Ideal Candidate for Chancellor of Mount Royal University

- A highly respected leader with a record of excellence in their chosen field who acts with integrity.
- An inspiring individual who will work to champion post-secondary education and Mount Royal University.
- An engaging leader who brings the public (external) perspective to the University.
- A gifted speaker, strong relationship builder, committed ambassador, and connector, seeking to create an open, inclusive and welcoming community.
- An approachable individual with sound judgment and strong interpersonal skills.
- An individual with the time, flexibility, and passion for community service 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 the values of Mount Royal University and its role as a public institution.
- A profound and enduring investment in the power and importance of public education.
- A demonstrated ability and willingness to create community connections and build relationships that are supportive of the University.
- A commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion as central to a strong Mount Royal University.
- Acknowledgement of and 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, or willingness to learn about, post-secondary governance and 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 University's goals.
- A presence and integrity that reflects the importance of the role of the Chancellor in presiding over all University convocation celebrations.

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

- 4 days in June for Convocation
- 1 Convocation dinner (June, during Convocation Week)
- Preparation for Convocation activities

Advice and Guidance to the President and Vice-Chancellor

- Monthly meetings with the President

Other Activities

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

Examples:

- Chancellor's Dinner (1)
- Chancellor's Dialogues (4)
- Remembrance Day (1)
- Engagement with students, faculty, and staff

Board of Governors (ex-officio)

- 4 Board of Governors meetings
- 1 Board of Governors off-site strategy session retreat
- Preparation for Board meetings and strategy session retreat

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.