

Executive Director, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) is a provincial centre for advanced study and research in public policy and administration hosted by the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. Unique in Canada, this joint institutional venture derives strength from the diversity of the academic backgrounds of its people, its interdisciplinary approaches to education on broad public policy matters, and its strong partnerships regionally, nationally, and abroad, all while continuing to enrich the knowledge base from which policy makers draw.

In a very short time, JSGS has established a reputation for its innovative approach in delivering a wide range of graduate educational programming including six graduate degrees, six certificates and numerous executive education offerings. In addition to the interdisciplinary faculty complement, the School hosts executives-in-residence who provide leadership insight from public policy practice. Hence, the classrooms -whether on-site, online or in the community - provide multiple voices from academia and practice. Students have a wealth of opportunities to participate in additional learning opportunities including executive internships, professional development training, networking with leading senior public officials and politicians, and numerous experiential learning opportunities. In addition to its commitment to educate on broad public policy matters, JSGS faculty members are devoted to research and writing in order to make an impact on issues affecting Canadians and the global community. Working together and alongside colleagues in public service, industry and community, JSGS faculty have made great research strides in a number of critical areas related to innovation, science and technology policy, social policy and inequality, and governance. To support the exchange of ideas, the school collaborates with a wide range of partners to support its knowledge mobilization and sharing.

The next Executive Director will continue to develop and implement the vision for the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy to be Saskatchewan's world-class policy school that educates, informs and engages with public policy and administration. Ensuring the academic quality and integrity of the School, and through collaborative leadership, the Executive Director's major responsibilities include: advocating and promoting best practices in research, education, outreach and engagement in public policy; promoting positive relations internally and externally; attracting financial resources; and identifying and pursuing opportunities to support and enhance the long-term growth of the School and its knowledge enhancement contributions. The Executive Director will have a relevant advanced degree, outstanding leadership experience in the public sector, government, or the academic environment, and a strong record of senior level advisory activity in public policy or a relevant field. Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing a vision and leading people to achieve exemplary performance and outcomes is essential. A full Candidate Brief is available upon request from the email address below.

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy is strongly committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that empowers all employees to reach their full potential. All members of both university communities share a responsibility for developing and maintaining an environment in which differences are valued and inclusiveness is practiced. The universities welcome applications from those who will contribute to the diversity of our community. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Consideration of candidates will begin in January and continue until the position is filled, with the new Executive Director to take office, in Saskatoon, at a mutually agreed date. To ensure consideration, written nominations, applications, or expressions of interest should be directed in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Laura Brannan at usaskJSGS@odgersberndtson.com.