Dalhousie University invites applications, expressions of interest and nominations for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry.

Dalhousie is one of Canada’s leading research-intensive universities and the Atlantic region’s only member of Canada’s U15. Its vibrant, open community of 13 Faculties, 6,000 faculty and staff and 18,500 students is connected, through collaboration and partnership, with researchers, industry, governments, non-profit agencies, and universities around the globe. Dalhousie is an influential driver of the region’s intellectual, social and economic development, with campuses in Halifax and Truro and a satellite of its Medical School in Saint John, New Brunswick. Its student population is diverse with more than half the student body coming from outside Nova Scotia and more than 3,000 are international students. For further information please visit www.dal.ca.

As the only dental school in Atlantic Canada, the Faculty of Dentistry offers fully-accredited professional, graduate and post-doctoral programs in dental surgery and dental hygiene. Focused on creating and nurturing an inclusive community, it has provided outstanding education for 100 years through small class sizes and individualized attention from world-renowned faculty members, and is a key part of Dalhousie’s interprofessional and allied health community that includes the Faculties of Medicine and Health Professions. From understanding the underlying causes of oral disease to inventing new materials for treatment, the Faculty of Dentistry is home to innovative and collaborative research centres and labs. Its impact on the region is substantial with on-site clinical care and community outreach programs that improve the oral health of over 26,000 patients across Atlantic Canada each year. Last year, the Faculty began a five-year, $27 million renewal project of its clinics and facilities. For further information about the Faculty, please visit the website at www.dal.ca/faculty/dentistry.html.

As part of Dalhousie’s senior administration, the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry will provide academic and administrative leadership, promote faculty and staff development, and participate in institutional policy-making and management. With a demonstrated ability to further strengthen and develop student and external relations and to foster a culture of respect and diversity, the Dean will provide vision and dynamic leadership in continuing to recruit outstanding students and faculty, and in realizing the evolving priorities of the Faculty and the University.

The successful candidate will have an outstanding academic and professional record with a degree in dentistry or a related field preferred, strong achievements in teaching, research, scholarly and community activities, demonstrated leadership capabilities in a collegial university setting, and experience in human resource management, budgeting and resource allocation. The Dean will also be an excellent communicator who is committed to the success of all students, faculty and staff. Experience in building diverse and collaborative teams, relating to a range of internal and external partners, and the potential for or experience with fundraising will be important assets.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The University encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and all qualified candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community.

Review of candidates will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The new Dean is expected to take office in July 2017. Details about the salary and benefits for this position are available from Laverne Smith & Associates Inc. Applications, including a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, completed self-identification questionnaire (available at www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid) and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the applicant), should be submitted electronically, in confidence, to the University’s executive search consultants:

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