

Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism Director of Doctoral Studies Position Description

The Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism is directly accountable to the President of Acadia Divinity College (ADC), reporting through the Associate Dean. This faculty member will have primary responsibility as the Director of Doctoral Studies, providing leadership to the Acadia Divinity College's Doctor of Ministry program. This is an open-rank, tenure-track position.

The Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism advances the mission and strategic vision of the College in the following areas:

- Preparation of Christian Leaders
- Innovation in Theological Education
- Community Engagement

Preparation of Christian Leaders

The Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism will contribute to the training of students preparing for ministry in the contemporary church and for further study. In particular:

- 1. Serve as the Director of Doctoral Studies with responsibility for the promotion, organization, oversight, and direction of the Doctor of Ministry program.
- 2. Teach undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral courses in evangelism and local mission, and contemporary church renewal and growth, on campus in Wolfville and in a hybrid-flex format.
- 3. Supervise theses at the master's and doctoral levels.
- 4. Be familiar with appropriate technology and be able to use and learn relevant technologies for teaching.
- 5. Mentor and support students as they explore their call to serve the mission of God.

Innovation in Theological Education

The Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism will contribute to the institutional culture of evaluation and innovation. In particular:

- 1. Within the recently established ADC Futuring Lab, conduct and publish research on trends and developments that will impact the future life of the church and theological education, and explore themes such as contemporary forms of church, diversity and community, church and technology, and church and evangelism.
- 2. With Faculty, share in the shaping of the educational policies and curriculum of the College.
- 3. Develop fresh approaches to educating church leaders that are relevant for those preparing to serve the church and community in a rapidly-changing, post-pandemic world.
- 4. Experience with using technology in theological education, and a commitment to innovation in theological education.

Community Engagement

The Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism will join the College in a shared commitment to seek transformation of our community and the communities we serve. In particular:

- 1. Engage with the churches to learn from their experiences and gain insight into their current contexts, as well as share research conducted within the recently established ADC Futuring Lab.
- 2. Participate in, and contribute to, the life and mission of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC), partially expressed through membership in one of the churches belonging to the CBAC.
- 3. Be available to preach or serve from time-to-time among churches of the CBAC and other denominations as requested.
- 4. Serve the College and the University in academic leadership appropriate to a faculty role.

The Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism enthusiastically endorses and personally supports the mission and affirms the theological position of the College. The Professor attends faculty meetings and will be expected to be present and participate in the overall life of the College.