

Facilitator of Trend Research & Analysis

Position Description

The Futuring Lab is a dynamic space to conduct, curate, and communicate research on trends and developments that will impact the future life of the church, as well as experiment with new approaches to theological education. The Futuring Lab has two inter-related elements: the Hub of Trend Research and Analysis (the Hub) and the Sandbox for Theological Education and the Church (the Sandbox).

The Facilitator of Trend Research & Analysis leads the Hub, works closely with the Facilitator of Education for Ministry Innovation, and reports to the Director of Andrew D. MacRae Centre for Christian Faith and Culture (MacRae Centre). This is a 5-year term position.

The Role

The Facilitator of Trend Research & Analysis conducts, gathers, and interprets research on cultural trends, identifying and measuring potential future impact on churches and the preparation of leaders for future ministry. The goal is to assist the College, our students, church leaders, and congregations to make the most of future opportunities and respond well to emerging challenges. The Facilitator is responsible for organizing the activities within the Hub. In particular:

1. Curate and disseminate information and existing research on social, technological, ecclesial, educational, and cultural conditions and trends.
2. Consult with experts in futuring work, and establish futuring as a research emphasis within the MacRae Centre for Christian Faith and Culture.
3. Propose stimulating and realistic pictures of possible futures and simulations for courses of action.
4. Support the generation and dissemination of research on relevant trends for churches through print and digital tools, including the development of a public-facing website, and a full suite of social media communication channels.
5. Provide training, including courses, workshops, and simulation facilities, for students, leaders, and church groups.
6. Arrange a futuring conference to share with other theological institutions and churches the Hub's research and learnings on the implications of culture changes.

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The Facilitator of Trend Research & Analysis enthusiastically endorses and personally supports the mission, and affirms the theological position, of the College.

Qualifications

- Master's level qualification in theology (or higher)
- Experience of church leadership
- Familiarity and experience with futuring activities, including cultural and forecasting research
- Demonstrated interest in trends influencing the future of the church through writing, speaking and other public engagements
- Skills and experience in the use of web-based media for research and communication
- Passion for the life and mission of the church expressed in diverse contemporary contexts
- Excellent planning and organizational skills
- Enjoys working independently, and excellent team player

Review of Applications will begin August 15, 2022, and continue until the position is filled.

Starting Date: October 3, 2022 (an earlier date is negotiable)

Salary will be based on rank, qualifications, and experience. Acadia Divinity College offers a competitive salary based on Canadian norms and standards, in addition to a comprehensive benefit package.

Qualified candidates wishing to be considered for this position should send electronically in PDF format:

- A letter of application succinctly addressing the required qualifications and attributes;
- Curriculum vitae; and,
- Names of at least three referees and their contact information.

to:

Eveline DeSchiffart, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
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We thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those invited for an interview will be contacted. The College reserves the right not to fill this position.

Acadia Divinity College (ADC) is a warmly evangelical seminary located on the campus of Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada. We welcome women and men from all church backgrounds to study in a faithfully innovative Christian community. As both the seminary of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada and the Faculty of Theology at Acadia University, ADC offers degree programs at the bachelor, master, and doctoral level, as well as continuing education programs for pastoral leaders and congregational lay ministers.

ADC is an accredited seminary of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. The College is certified by the Canadian Council of Christian Charities.