Search Updates
Dean, College of Medicine

June 1, 2023: The committee has been formed and will gather and finalize the position profile by end of June. The committee will be involved in training for a senior level search, including EDI training. A search consultant will recruit throughout the summer and the committee will reconvene in early fall to decide on a medium list. From there, campus visit will be scheduled with the goal to complete the search by end of December 2023, for a July 1, 2024 start date.

October 5, 2023: The search process follows USask policy and procedures. Information about the search and search committee can be found on the website of the provost and vice president academic.

The posting and position profile for the College of Medicine search have been circulated through academic job advertising sites and professional sites since late summer. This has resulted in contact with several potential applicants. The search committee meets on October 10 to consider applications to-date and to create a medium list. Interviews of medium list candidates are scheduled for the first week of November.

Following completion of medium list interviews, the search creates a short list of candidates who will be invited to in-person meetings on-campus. Meetings will include focus groups across the College of Medicine, wider university, and with stakeholders. Short-listed candidates will provide a presentation to the university community. Feedback will be sought from all those taking part in gatherings with the short-listed candidates.

The search remains open until the position is filled.

November 23, 2023: I am writing to provide an update on the search underway for the next Dean of the College of Medicine. Thank you to the search committee members for their service.

The posting for the role has been advertised across the province, nationally and internationally. In addition, sector groups have been contacted. We appreciate the services of the administration team of the provost’s office headed by Brittney Zaleschuk, and search consultant Alex Verdecchia from McDermott + Bull.

The committee has completed the medium list process, each of which was held online. It has been genuinely exciting to meet candidates. We are thankful for their applications and interest in leading the USask College of Medicine.

From this process a shortlist will be identified for on-campus visits. We anticipate welcoming up to four short-listed candidates to USask between December 12-21. For now, please anticipate meetings and presentations on the following dates:12/13 December (Tue/Wed), 14/15 December (Th/Fri), 18/19 December (M/T), 20/21 December (W/Th). Presentations will happen on the first day of each visit and will be video recorded.

Detailed information about visits and associated opportunities for meeting each candidate will come through to the college shortly.
After meetings with focus groups and the presentation from each candidate, feedback will be sought to inform the deliberations of the search committee. The search committee will deliberate early in 2024.

Information about the search, committee membership, and search procedures can be found [here](#).

**November 28, 2023:** The search committee met recently, and we will proceed with candidate visits and interviews for the following candidates:

- **Sarah Forgie**
  Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, University of Alberta

- **Cory Neudorf**
  Professor and Division Head, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

- **Anurag Saxena**
  Professor and Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

- **Janet Tootoosis**
  Interim Vice Dean Indigenous Health, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan
  Area Division Lead for Family Medicine, NorthWest6, Saskatchewan Health Authority

Copies of the candidates’ CVs will be available in the dean’s office if you wish to view them. As part of the visit and interview process, each candidate has been invited to make a brief public presentation to the university community on the following topic: “*What is your vision for the College of Medicine and how would you go about enacting that vision?*” The 20-minute presentation will conclude with a question-and-answer session during which time attendees can pose questions to the candidate. All presentations will be recorded and will be made available for viewing following the presentation. A link to the recording will be provided and can be found [here](#) once it is available.

Dates have been confirmed for the candidates’ public presentations as follows:

- **Cory Neudorf**
  December 12 – 3:00 – 4:00 pm
  Convocation Hall, Peter MacKinnon Building

- **Janet Tootoosis**
  December 14 – 1:00 – 2:00 pm
  Convocation Hall, Peter MacKinnon Building

- **Sarah Forgie**
  December 18 – 10:00 – 11:00 am
  Convocation Hall, Peter MacKinnon Building
Following the completion of the presentations, you are invited to submit feedback on the candidates. All responses will be shared in their entirety and held within the confidence of the search committee. Your feedback to the committee, via the chair, is critical in selecting the best leader for the college. Please submit your comments by 4 pm on Jan. 3. Submissions can be sent via email to rebecca.mayer@usask.ca.