



Vice-President, Research and Policy

A unique opportunity for a public policy and advocacy leader to build on a strong foundation of success and advance the momentum of Colleges Ontario's Research and Policy strategic goals.

Ontario's 24 colleges of applied arts and technology serve more than 200 communities across the province, giving people of all ages and stages, including those living in rural and remote areas, access to post-secondary education and training. The colleges serve more than 200,000 full-time and 300,000 part-time students and clients. **Colleges Ontario** is the advocacy organization for Ontario's colleges, and is also a resource for government, educators, and public opinion leaders.

Every year, Colleges Ontario produces high-quality, far-reaching research on key issues and priorities in higher education and training. It also develops policy position papers on key issues, from economic competitiveness to education policies to the workforce needs in the health-care system, as well as yearly budget submissions for the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

As the new Vice-President of Research and Policy, you will provide strategic, advocacy and policy advice to the Committee of Presidents (the association's governing board, comprised of presidents from all 24 colleges) and to the President and CEO of Colleges Ontario. This will include developing strong, credible research and leading the analysis of policy issues and the development of association policy positions. Reporting to the President and CEO, you will represent the college sector in meetings with senior government officials, advisory bodies, the public and member institutions, which will see you developing strong working relationships with leaders in the college system and supporting the policy work of senior college committees through ongoing engagement.

An accomplished leader with a master's degree or equivalent graduate studies in a related field, and 13 years of professional success with broad experience in the analysis and development of public policy issues, you have worked extensively at a senior level in post-secondary or similar public institutions, and with Provincial advocacy associations and/or the government. Give the mandate of Colleges Ontario and the environment in which it operates, you'll be able to leverage your strong listening, oral, written and presentation skills, and your ability to develop and sustain relationships, partnerships and alliances across a broad spectrum of stakeholders, and to coordinate, negotiate, mediate and influence.

With a proven track record of leading a broad range of groups and individuals, and developing and supporting a strong professional team, you're fully prepared to inspire, lead and manage a talented, committed Research and Policy team, and to develop and share a comprehensive understanding of post-secondary education trends, best practices, and emerging issues for Ontario's college systems.

To be considered for this exciting executive role, please forward your resume to **Phelpsgroup**, quoting **PH179322**, to CO-VPRP@phelpsgroup.ca.

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