



SELECTION COMMITTEE - PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS OF THE IDEAL CANDIDATE?

The Presidential Selection Committee is currently conducting an extensive consultation to establish the profile of the next President and Vice-Chancellor. To help carry out this task, consultations will be held with targeted groups. Members of the University community are also invited to comment on the following questions:

1. The [University of Ottawa](#) is halfway in the implementation of its strategic plan, [Destination 2020](#), and the ambitious goals that have been identified for each of the four elements of the plan: student experience, research excellence, Francophonie and bilingualism, and internationalization. The University also submitted its [Strategic Mandate Agreement](#) to the Ontario Government last spring, to meet the differentiation requirements set by the province. Finally, the University of Ottawa will have to face financial challenges in the coming years due to rising operating costs and the reduction of provincial grants.

In your view, given the changing context which the University of Ottawa is facing, on what issues should the next President focus his attention? What is the biggest challenge he will have to face?

2. In 2008, during the last selection process, the University of Ottawa was looking for *“a proven leader who possesses high academic qualifications, sound working knowledge of the university milieu, both in Canada and abroad, and an excellent professional and administrative reputation. The President will play an important ambassadorial role on behalf of the University, representing and promoting the University of Ottawa to public bodies, the private sector and the broader communities.”*

Considering the above context, what background, experience, qualifications, and personal qualities should the Presidential Selection Committee seek and identify in potential candidates?

We invite members of the University community to submit comments to the Chair of the Presidential Selection Committee at presidentalselection@uOttawa.ca, **no later than December 9, 2014**. Comments should not exceed more than 250 words. Any document sent to the Chair of the Presidential Selection Committee will be treated confidentially and without reference to the author. Documents submitted anonymously will not be processed.

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Appendix: Essential qualifications established in 2008