Yukon University

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Dear members of the UArctic Nominations Committee

Please accept this letter to confirm my interest in serving as a member of the Board for UArctic. I am the President and Vice-Chancellor of Yukon University in Canada (appointed in 2021) and, together with my experience in this role, I bring over a decade of university administrative experience including leadership at the level of vice-president in both the research and academic operations of universities. To this end, I bring a strong and informed understanding of the role of universities in advancing knowledge, driving innovation, and in educating the leaders for tomorrow.

I currently have the immense privilege of leading Canada's only university north of the 60th parallel. As a result of this opportunity, I have gained a strong understanding of the unique role of northern institutions in ensuring economic and sociocultural sustainability for the people of the North, and in building solutions to mitigate and overcome some of the most perplexing issues facing the circumpolar north.

I have reviewed Section 4 of the the UArctic bylaws and can attest that I bring full qualification to the position of UArctic Board member, including those qualifications outlined in Section 4.2. I have also discussed this opportunity with the Chair of the Yukon University Board of Governors, David Morrison, and submit my letter of interest with his full endorsement.

In closing, I would be very proud to serve as a member of the UArctic Board and would offer value and contribution that will help your board and the UArctic consortium to reach new heights. I would be pleased to answer any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Lesley A. Brown, PhD

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Biography

Dr. Lesley Brown is an experienced senior academic leader, bringing a decade of leadership experience from two institutions in Alberta.

Dr. Brown served as provost and vice-president, Academic, at Mount Royal University (MRU) in Calgary. In this role, she oversaw all facets of educational programming and research at MRU, which evolved into a university in 2009. Under her leadership, Mount Royal University experienced significant growth in student enrolment, faculty research success, and academic programming, including the establishment of a long-anticipated Bachelor of Social Work program.

Before this, Dr. Brown compiled an exemplary record at University of Lethbridge, serving as a faculty member and an administrator in a number of roles including vice-president Research (interim), associate vice-president (Research) and vice-provost (Academic).

In addition to being a proven leader, Dr. Brown is an accomplished scholar in the field of Kinesiology, with a research specialization in balance and fall prevention in the elderly and people with Parkinson's disease.

Brown holds a PhD in Kinesiology from the University of Waterloo, a Master of Human Kinetics in Biomechanics from the University of Windsor and a Bachelor of Physical Education from McMaster University. She also completed a three-year postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Oregon.

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ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS:

2017 – 2020 **Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**
Mount Royal University

2015 – 2017 **Vice Provost & Associate Vice-President (Academic)**
University of Lethbridge

2014 – 2015 **Interim Vice President (Research)**
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge AB

2010 – 2014 **Associate Vice President (Research)**
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge AB

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2021 **Professor of Health and Physical Education**
Mount Royal University, Calgary AB

1997 – 2017 **Professor of Kinesiology**
Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education (Promoted and Tenured (2002))
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge AB

EDUCATION:

1994-1997 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
Department of Exercise Science, University of Oregon

1996 **Doctor of Philosophy** (Kinesiology)
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

1991 **Master of Human Kinetics** (Biomechanics)
University of Windsor, Windsor, ON, Canada

1989 **Bachelor of Physical Education**
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

2022: Universities Canada Professional Program for Presidents

2021-2022: Harvard Seminar for New Presidents
Harvard Graduate School of Education

2021 Crisis Leadership
Harvard Graduate School of Education

2020: Indigenous Canada (Course certificate)
University of Alberta, Faculty of Native Studies

2019: Perspectives on Reconciliation: Summer Institute for Post-Secondary Leaders
Yukon College, Whitehorse YK

2019: SingularityU Canada Executive Program: Leading impact in an Exponential World
Singularity Canada (invited)

2019: Strengthening Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on Campus (National Summit)
Universities Canada

2018: Integrated Educational Management (Certificate)
Harvard Graduate School of Education

2018: Faculty Bargaining Services: Strategic Communication in Faculty Bargaining

2018: Faculty Bargaining Services: Interest-based Bargaining

2016: Lancaster House: Bargaining in the Broader Public Sector

2015: Ruffalo Noel Levitz: Strategic Enrolment Planning (Executive Forum)

2015: Faculty Bargaining Services: Preparing for Principled Negotiations

2014: Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE): Fundraising Development for Deans & Academic Leaders

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2019 Calgary Herald Compelling Calgarian Recognition
Named as 1 of 20 compelling Calgarians for 2019

2011 University of Lethbridge Students Union Teaching Award
Professor of the Year (inaugural recipient)

2009 University of Lethbridge Prairie Baseball Academy Teaching Award

1999 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
Population Health Investigator Research Prize
Population Health Scholar Award

I. ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD:

SERVICE TO YUKON UNIVERSITY (2021 - PRES)

YUKON UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE:

2021- PRES Member of the Board of Governors.
Chair of the President's Executive Committee
Co-Chair of the University Senate

SERVICE TO MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY (2017 – 2020):

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE:

2017-2020 Resource Member of the Board of Governors (Non-voting)
Member of the President's Executive Committee
Vice-Chair of the General Faculties Council
Vice-Chair of the Statutory Dean's Council
Chair of the GFC Bylaws and Striking Committee

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC & BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

2017-2020 Co-Chair of University Budget Committee
Chair of the Provost's Council
Chair of the University Tenure & Promotion Committee
Chair of the Academic Plan Implementation Committee
Chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee
Chair of the Freedom of Expression Committee
Member of the University Strategic Planning Committee

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE (2010-2017):

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE GOVERNANCE:

2010-2017 Resource Member of the Board of Governors (Non-voting)
Member of the President's Executive Council
Member of the General Faculties Council
Member of the Dean's Council

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE ACADEMIC & BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

2015-2017 Chair of the Deans Advisory Council for Strategic Enrolment Management
Chair of the Strategic Enrolment Management Leadership Council
Chair of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee
Chair of the Student Mental Health Executive Committee
Member of the Academic Quality Assurance Committee
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee
Member of the Strategic Planning Executive Committee
Member of the Budget Advisory Committee
Member of the Board of Governors Bargaining Team for Faculty Negotiations

2010 - 2015 Chair, University Research Committee
Chair, Internal SSHRC Committee
Chair, Internal NSERC Committee
Member of the University Travel Committee
Member of the Radiation Safety and Biosafety Committee

BOARD EXPERIENCE & SERVICE POSITIONS:

2018 – 2020 Calgary Economic Development Talent Advisory Committee
Position: Post-Secondary representative

2017 – 2020 Alberta Council of Senior Academic Officers
Position: Member

2016 - 2017 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southern Alberta
Position: Member of the Board

2013 – 2015 Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities (ACCRU)
Position: Vice-Chair (nominated)

2014 – 2015 Genome Alberta
Position: Member of the Board (Status: Observer; nominated)

2012 – 2015 Alberta Epigenetics Network
Position: Member of the Board of Directors

2012 – 2015 Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN)
Position: Member of the Board (appointed)
Position: Secretary to the Board (nominated)

2012 – 2015 Parkinson Alberta (Southern Alberta)
Position: Member of the Board (volunteer)

2011- 2014 Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Position held: SSHRC Leader for University of Lethbridge

2010 – 2014 Alberta Gambling Research Institute (AGRI)
Position held: Member of the Board (appointed)

SERVICE TO THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA:

2014 – 2015 Member of the Provincial Evaluation Committee for the Alberta Health Research Innovation Strategy

2011 – 2015 Member of the Executive Steering Committee: Alberta Strategy for Patient Oriented Research

Member of the Research Advisory Panel: Parkinson Alberta

2010 – 2015 Member of the Executive Steering Committee: Alberta Health Research Ethics Harmonization Initiative

Member of the Research Advisory Panel: Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN)

II. ACADEMIC RECORD:

RESEARCH PROGRAM:

(1) Cognition and Postural Control in the elderly: Fear of falling as a risk factor for falling
(2) Behavioral correlates of movement pathology among people with Parkinson's Disease

RESEARCH FUNDING:

GRANTS RECEIVED: I have received over $3.75M in grant funding ($2.19M as principal investigator) during my research career.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING:

2012 Alberta Innovates Health Solutions
Amount: $750,000 (co-applicant))

2001 Medical Services Incorporated (MSI) Foundation of Alberta
Amount: $255,000 (co-applicant)

1999 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR)
Amount: $561,000 (Principal Investigator)

1998 Medical Services Incorporated (M.S.I.) Foundation
Amount: $50,000 (Principal Investigator)

FEDERAL FUNDING:

2008 Natural Science and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC)
Amount: $47,000 (co-Applicant)

2007 Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
Amount: $405,588 (co-applicant)

Parkinson's Society of Canada
Amount: $10,000 (Principal Investigator)

2006 Natural Science and Engineering Council (NSERC)
Amount: $91,375 (Principal Investigator)

2006 Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
Amount: $1.5 million (Co-applicant)

PUBLICATIONS:

REFEREED JOURNALS: 38 peer-reviewed manuscripts; 22 as first-author. Selected refences include:

Burt, J., Ravid, E., Bradford, S., Fisher, N., Zeng, Y., Chomiak, T., **Brown, L.,** McKeown, M., Hu, B., & Camicioli*, R. (2019). The effects of music-contingent gait training on cogntion and mood in Parkinson Disease: A feasibility study. *Neuorehabilitation and Neural Repair,* 1-11.

Bartoshyk P, de Bruin N, **Brown LA**, *Doan JB**.** (2015). Functional improvements associated with upper extremity motor stimulation in individuals with Parkinson's disease. *Health Aging Research*, 4(12):ePub.

*de Bruin, N., Kempster, C., Doucette, A., Doan, J.B., Hu, B., & **Brown, L.A**. (2015). The effects of music salience on the gait performance of young adults. *Journal of Music Therapy,*

*Doan, J.B., de Bruin, N., Pellis, S.M., Suchowersky, O., & Whishaw, I.Q., **Brown, L.A.** (2013*).* Obstacle avoidance in Parkinson's disease patients is limited by threatening context. *Journal of Neurodegenerative Diseases.*

***Brown, L.A.,** de Bruin, N. (2011). A music-based multitask exercise programme is a promising intervention for improving gait, balance and fall risk in older adults. Commentary on Trombetti et al., Effect of music-based multitask training on gait, balance, and fall risk in elderly people: A randomized controlled trial. *Arch Intern Med* 2011; 171:525-33.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS: Over 75 presentations at National / International Conferences. Selected presentations include:

*de Bruin, N., Flindall, J.W., Brown, L.A., & Gonzalez, C.L.R. (May, 2014). *Interactions of Hand and Gait Kinematics.* Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society. St. Pete Beach, U.S.A.

*Pereira, F., Chomiak, T., Meyer, N., Brown, L.A., de Bruin, N., & Hu, B. (May, 2014). *An iPod-Based Dual-task Test for Differentiating Freezers and Non-freezers in Parkinson's Disease.* American Society of Neuroradiology 52nd Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. *Neurorehabil Neural Repair (2014) 28(9):896*

*de Bruin, N., Doan, J., Bartoshyk, P., Amatto, M., & Brown, L. (June, 2012). *Visual cues from ice skating can enhance Parkinson's disease patient motor performance: A case study.* Paper presented at the Joint World Congress of ISPGR and Gait & Mental Function. Trondheim, Norway.

*de Bruin, N., Doan, J., Turnbull, G., Bonfield, S., Suchowersky, O., Hu, B., & Brown, L. (March, 2011). *The effects of a music accompanied walking program on gait performance in people with Parkinson's disease.* Paper presented at the 10th International Conference on Alzheimer's & Parkinson's Diseases. Barcelona, Spain.

*de Bruin, N., Doan, J., Turnbull, G., Bonfield, S., Suchowersky, O., Hu, B., & Brown, L.A. (September, 2010). *The effects of a music accompanied walking program on obstacle crossing behaviours in people with Parkinson's disease.* Paper presented at the 2nd World Parkinson Congress. Glasgow, UK.