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**From:** Professor Meric Gertler, President

**Date:** August 27, 2021

**Re:** **Call for Nominations for the Advisory Committee on the Appointment of a Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives**

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Further to the [announcement](#) that Professor Ted Sargent will be stepping down as Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives on December 31, 2021, I am writing to call for nominations of individuals to serve on the Advisory Committee for the recruitment of a new Vice-President.

The membership of the Advisory Committee will comprise:

- 7 – 9 members of the teaching staff, including academic administrators,
- 1 to 2 graduate students,
- 1 member of the administrative staff,
- 1 representative from the affiliated teaching hospitals, and
- 1 representative from an external innovation-promoting agency.

Ms Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council, will serve as secretary to the Committee and added secretariat support will be provided by Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Deputy Secretary. In addition, following a formal Request for Proposals, I will be engaging an executive search firm to assist the Advisory Committee in its work.

Nominations for membership on the Advisory Committee should be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2021** using the confidential online form available at: <https://uoft.me/VPRISIAAdvCmte2021>.

Questions should be directed to Sheree Drummond at [sheree.drummond@utoronto.ca](mailto:sheree.drummond@utoronto.ca).