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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Lakehead University acknowledges the original custodians of this land and pays its respects to the elders – past, present, and future — for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and the hopes of Indigenous peoples.

The Faculty of Education recognizes that the Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses are on the traditional lands of Indigenous peoples.

In Thunder Bay, we are on the traditional lands of the Fort William First Nation — signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty Territory of 1850. In Orillia, we are on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe people of the Chippewa Tri-Council First Nations.

Lakehead University also acknowledges our relationships with other Indigenous and Métis peoples who have a history in these territories.

## VISION

Inspire, and be, active and critical learners who are recognized for their leadership and commitment to research, teaching, and service in Education.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Faculty of Education offers innovative undergraduate, graduate, and ongoing learning opportunities that are grounded in research and a commitment to social and environmental well being. We serve diverse communities through active partnerships and learner engagement.

## CONTEXT

The Faculty of Education spans two campuses and has a strong online presence. Education programs were established in 1970 at the Thunder Bay campus and at the Orillia campus in 2006. The Faculty of Education includes the Departments of Undergraduate Studies in Education, Graduate Studies and Research in Education, Professional Development in Education, Aboriginal Education, and Orillia Education Programs.

# PRIORITIES

The Faculty of Education is committed to developing:

## ACADEMIC GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE

In the next five years we will:

1. promote changes that will lead to growth
2. build capacity of faculty and staff complement and programs
3. achieve unique and valued outcomes in undergraduate, graduate, Indigenous, and ongoing professional development in Education
4. continue to infuse social justice, environmental sustainability and Indigenous education as core components of our undergraduate and graduate programs
5. continue to expand broad-based perspectives of education, including and beyond K-12 education
6. remain current and innovative in our programs and pedagogy

## VALUES AND CULTURE

In the next five years we will:

1. ensure an environment of trust and respect for faculty, staff, and students
2. ensure a positive environment to support faculty, staff, and students in innovative work
3. deepen and further develop commitments to social responsibility
4. continue to cultivate collaborative environments
5. build faculty culture that identifies shared values and embraces dialogue across differences
6. promote wellbeing, equity, access, and healthy work practices
7. acknowledge, value, and provide stable environments for part-time faculty

## RELATIONSHIPS

In the next five years we will:

1. continue to strengthen and draw on the expertise of faculty, staff, and students
2. build and extend local and global partnerships
3. build capacity through continued research collaborations
4. maintain strong connections to school boards, government, and communities
5. strengthen relationships within and between campuses and academic units



# ABOUT LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Lakehead University has approximately 9,700 full-time equivalent students and 2,000 faculty and staff in 10 faculties at two campuses in Thunder Bay and Orillia, Ontario. Lakehead is a fully comprehensive university: home to Ontario's newest Faculty of Law in 44 years, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and faculties of Engineering, Business Administration, Health & Behavioural Sciences, Social Sciences & Humanities, Science & Environmental Studies, Natural

Resources Management, Education, and Graduate Studies. Maclean's 2018 University Rankings place Lakehead University among Canada's Top 10 primarily undergraduate universities, as well as first in Total Research Dollars, second for Citations, and third for Scholarships and Bursaries. In 2017, Research Infosource named Lakehead Research University of the Year in its category for the third consecutive year. Visit [www.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.lakeheadu.ca).



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