

## Academic Chair – Food Science & Agriculture Processing Technologies

Russ Edwards School of Agriculture & Environment  
Full Time, Regular  
Brandon, MB  
Comp #109-24/25  
Salary: \$108,349.80 to \$138,302.58 annually  
Classification: Excluded

Assiniboine College has been providing exceptional learning experiences for more than 60 years. For staff and students alike, Assiniboine offers unparalleled learning environments and responds well to the demands and requirements of the Manitoba labour market. Here, instructors follow the philosophy of 'learn by doing,' combining theory with hands-on learning inside classrooms, labs, kitchens, shops, fields and the college's Sustainable Greenhouse. We are an accredited college with the Province of Manitoba.

We offer more than 60 unique certificate, diploma and advanced credential programs across a variety of disciplines including culinary arts and hospitality, business, agriculture and environment, health and human services, trades and technology. We also deliver apprenticeship programming in a range of skilled trade disciplines.

Our Victoria Avenue East campus (Centre for Adult Learning - Brandon) and North Hill campus (Len Evans Centre for Trades and Technology, Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts, and the Sustainable Greenhouse) are located in Brandon. Our Parkland campus, which also includes a Centre for Adult Learning, is located in Dauphin, Manitoba. Our Portage la Prairie campus is in Southport, Manitoba and offers the Practical Nursing Program. At our Winnipeg campus, we deliver our Practical Nursing program and continuing studies courses.

### The Russ Edwards School of Agriculture and Environment

With an entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to a strong Manitoba, the Russ Edwards School is home to Manitoba's leading programs in agriculture and environment, encompassing a field to fork philosophy and integrating the technology to keep up with the evolving industry.

Assiniboine has a long and dedicated history of delivering agricultural and environmental education throughout the province, with some of its longest-standing programs focused on agriculture and related training.

For more than 45 years, Assiniboine has offered agriculture and environment programming. We have programs for every career level. Whether students are attending college right after high school, looking to build new skills for their current job, or wanting to return to post-secondary in order to change directions, we have plenty to choose from.

Assiniboine is excited to be growing its agriculture and environment programming to help address skills shortages in this key economic sector. Agriculture and food are large and growing areas of applied research at the college.

## Prairie Innovation Centre

Within the Russ Edwards School of Agriculture and Environment, the Prairie Innovation Centre for Sustainable Agriculture is a one-of-a-kind Canadian college project that will bring together collaborative learning spaces, applied research labs, and multipurpose spaces that will serve both the college community and agriculture industry. The Centre will offer new programs for labour market development, applied research and industry engagement.

The Prairie Innovation Centre, which will be located on the college's North Hill campus in Brandon, will allow the college to continue expanding capacity in agriculture-related programming from 300 to more than 800 students annually. By creating enhanced and expanded agricultural training capacity, the Centre will enable the agriculture sector to reach its full potential in the Canadian and Manitoban economy.

The Centre will be a hub for collaboration, innovation, and incubation. Assiniboine will be recognized as your go-to-problem-solvers for agricultural-related practical challenges.

### About the Opportunity

Come be part of a growing team with an exceptional opportunity to shape the future of education and research in this vital sector. The Prairie Innovation Centre for Sustainable Agriculture which will triple the number of graduates to meet the labour needs in the agriculture, environment and manufacturing sectors. Brand new programs such as Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Food Science Technology, and Chemical Engineering Technology and will augment our current and expanded program offerings.

We are seeking a dynamic and accomplished individual to serve as the Academic Chair of Food Science and Agricultural Processing Technologies, to lead the launch of new programs. As the Academic Chair, you will provide strategic leadership and oversee the development and implementation of academic programs, research initiatives, and industry collaborations.

### Key Responsibilities:

- ▶ **Leadership:** Provide visionary and operational leadership to launch and advance new academic programs and applied research activities related to manufacturing and agricultural processing technologies.
- ▶ **Curriculum Development:** Lead the design, development, and review of innovative and relevant academic programs, courses, and curricula in collaboration with faculty members and industry experts.
- ▶ **Research and Innovation:** Foster a vibrant applied research environment, promoting collaborative and interdisciplinary research initiatives.
- ▶ **Industry Collaboration:** Develop and maintain strong partnerships with industry leaders, governmental agencies, and community organizations to enhance the relevance and impact of academic programs and research.
- ▶ **Faculty Leadership:** Recruit, develop, and mentor a diverse and talented faculty team, fostering their professional growth and promoting excellence in teaching and research.

- ▶ **Grants and Funding:** Proactively seek external funding opportunities and grants to support applied research activities, infrastructure development, and student initiatives.
- ▶ **Student Engagement:** Enhance student engagement through innovative teaching methods, experiential learning opportunities, and industry partnerships.
- ▶ **Community Outreach:** Engage with the local and global communities to promote awareness and understanding of manufacturing and agricultural processing technologies opportunities at Assiniboine and in the region.

#### Qualifications:

- ▶ Degree in a relevant field, graduate degree preferred. Preference for Food Science, Mechatronics or Robotics and Automation, Mechanical, Electrical or Chemical Engineering.
- ▶ Demonstrated expertise and substantial experience in manufacturing and/or agricultural processing technologies, including familiarity with the latest industry trends, innovations, and emerging technologies.
- ▶ A strong record of achievements in an academic or industrial setting related to training and development in related areas.
- ▶ Proven leadership and management skills, with experience in academic administration and curriculum development an asset.
- ▶ Excellent communication, interpersonal, and collaboration skills to effectively engage with faculty, students, industry partners, and the broader community.
- ▶ Ability to foster a diverse and inclusive academic environment that values equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- ▶ Strong commitment to high-quality teaching, applied research, and community engagement.
- ▶ Experience in developing and maintaining industry partnerships and collaborations.

*This competition will remain open until the position is filled.*

*Discover full details about the position, please visit our careers website at  
[www.assiniboine.net/careers](http://www.assiniboine.net/careers).*

#### Why Join Us?

##### Working Together:

Be part of a collaborative and inclusive environment that values teamwork and positive employee relations. Together, we paddle collectively toward our mission.

##### Growing Together:

We invest in our employees' future through succession planning, forward-looking recruitment, and supportive development programs. At least 4% of payroll is dedicated to staff and professional development.

Forward Together:

As we navigate rapid technological changes, we prioritize resilience and wellness among our faculty and staff, helping them become the leaders Manitoba

Our Principles for Continued Success:

- ▶ Creativity: We foster an environment that supports and unleashes the creativity of our faculty and staff.
- ▶ Collaboration: Teamwork, purposeful connections, and community building are critical to achieving our collective potential.
- ▶ Courage: Our faculty and staff embrace their roles as community leaders, boldly taking risks to build a strong future for Manitoba

Commitment to Diversity:

Assiniboine College is committed to creating a barrier-free environment that emphasizes the value of diversity and promotes full participation. We welcome applications from all qualified candidates who are legally entitled to work in Canada, including indigenous peoples, persons of all abilities, members of visible minorities, all genders, and sexual orientations.

How to Apply:

*If you are interested in this career opportunity, please email your resume and cover letter with reference to this competition to [careers@assiniboine.net](mailto:careers@assiniboine.net). We thank all applicants for their interest; only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.*

Assiniboine College is privileged to provide learning opportunities on the lands of the Dakota Oyate, Nakoda Oyate, Ininiwak, Nehethowak, Nehiyawak, Anishinewuk, Denesuline, Anishinaabeg, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

*For accommodations or alternative formats, contact [careers@assiniboine.net](mailto:careers@assiniboine.net) or 204 725 8729.*