

Director, Waterloo Accelerator Centre

The Waterloo Accelerator Centre (AC) is an award-winning non-profit start-up accelerator dedicated to building and scaling sustainable, globally competitive companies and giving start-ups the highest probability of long-term success. Under new leadership, we are excited to pivot and execute on the AC's new vision. We are looking to add new Board members to help the AC write this new and exciting chapter.

We are looking for energetic people who can provide strategic guidance to the AC and work with other members of the Board and its Committees to contribute to the AC's success and the success of our tech start up clients. This is a unique volunteer-position and an opportunity to represent a fast-growing organization in an innovation-backed community and impact the economic health of Waterloo Region and beyond.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide strategic leadership to the AC and its CEO
- Support the mission, vision, guiding principles and strategy of the AC
- Provide direction and accountability to the AC's CEO
- Ensure proper governance of the AC
- Monitor risk and progress towards Board priorities
- Be an ambassador for the AC
- Actively participate in Board and Committee(s) meetings
- Leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to fully achieve the AC's objectives

BOARD COMMITMENT:

- Minimum commitment of 2 years on the Board and a Board Committee (eligible for re-election upon expiry of their term)
- Attendance virtually or in person as required at quarterly Board and Committee meetings, and such other Board or Committee meetings as may be scheduled
- Time commitment of approximately a few hours a week depending on the requirements. Typically, this involves time preparing for committees and quarterly meetings, and events.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

New Directors should bring some or all of the following:

- Venture capital and/ or start-up or entrepreneurship experience
- Strong creative, strategic, organizational, communication and personal skills
- Knowledge and interest in the tech ecosystem in Waterloo Region and beyond
- Effective and decisive communication and decision-making skills

- Demonstrated interest/passion in the non-profit/social responsibility sector
- Demonstrated dependability, accountability, self-awareness, strong work ethic, and reliability.

Application due date: 5PM, June 20, 2021

For more information on AC, its work, and the Board, see <http://www.acceleratorcentre.com>. You can also write to careers@acceleratorcentre.com and include in the subject line “Question about the application to AC’s Board of Directors.”

To apply, please submit a CV/resume, minimum 2 reference letters, or contact information of references and a statement as to why you feel you are a good fit for the position (maximum two hundred words) to careers@acceleratorcentre.com. Please include in the subject line “Application to AC’s Board of Directors.”

THE STATEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Why would you like to become a member of the AC’s Board of Directors?
- How have you concretely been involved in the start-up ecosystem
- What personal skills and experience will you be able to bring to the Board that can be of value to the AC?
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COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Accelerator Centre is committed to fostering a diverse community that is dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs from all backgrounds. A full range of perspectives, lifestyles, and passions are key to creating the inclusive, entrepreneurial environment that is necessary to help our clients build and scale globally competitive companies. Diversity and inclusion at the Accelerator Centre means we are dedicated to the elimination of discrimination, in all its forms, at all levels of our organization and in our programming.

We welcome applications from qualified candidates of all backgrounds regardless of age, physical ability, gender, race, religion, and sexual orientation. We will provide any requested accommodation to candidates with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require assistance, please contact careers@acceleratorcentre.com noting the job title in the subject line of the email.

The AC thanks all applicants for taking the time to apply and for their interest. A committee will consider applications and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Applicants will be provided with an update on the process by early July 2021.