



Scientific Director National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) Employment Opportunity

The National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) is a pan-Canadian network that supports advancing the Canadian cybersecurity ecosystem through research and development, commercialization, and training by driving collaboration among universities; private industry; not-for-profit organizations; provincial, territorial, and municipal governments; and other key cybersecurity stakeholders.

WHAT WE OFFER

Full-Time | Remote

Standard Work Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm anywhere in Canada | 36.25 hours per week

The NCC is committed to ensuring employees can maintain a healthy work-life balance. As such, we're proud to support flexible hours and work-from-home options.

YOUR FOCUS

The National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) seeks to appoint a Scientific Director. This position is a unique opportunity to shape a new not-for-profit network of leading cybersecurity professionals. Learn more about the NCC mandate by visiting its website: www.ncc-cnc.ca.

The Scientific Director works closely with the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the consortium to plan and operationalize all aspects of the NCC's mandate. The Scientific Director reports to the Board of Directors and directs all strategic and program functions and oversees the Executive Director who is responsible for the administration of the organization. The Scientific Director is the public-facing lead of the organization, and key connection point with the network community. The position is responsible for developing and leading the NCC's research strategy and working closely with the broader academic and industry community to achieve the research and development, commercialization, and training goals of the organization.

As a leader in and champion of the research field of Cybersecurity, the Scientific Director provides oversight to shape current and future directions of the NCC's organizational strategy. The term of this appointment is for 3 years, subject to negotiations, with the potential for renewal. Secondments or negotiations for leaves from academic or other organizations for the purpose of holding this position will be conducted in discussions with candidates' institutions, as appropriate.

Specific accountabilities include:

- Reporting to the board and being accountable for the financial and scientific activity reports for the NCC;
- Developing and leading the network in its overall strategy and planning to fulfill the approved mandate;
- Supporting the development and implementation of the strategic and corporate plan;
- Developing and managing the scientific activities, while acting as the scientific lead across the network;
- Chairing or participating in grant management activities and sitting on the Board of Directors (as a non-voting member);
- Chairing the Scientific Operational and Advisory Committee to advance the scientific goals and business objectives of the NCC;
- Providing regular reporting, as a not-for-profit on performance progress and financial reports as approved by the board;

- Promoting research collaboration within the network and among stakeholders; and
- Promoting the network to the scientific community, to the private and public sectors, and to the general public.

WHAT YOU BRING

As a leader in the scientific field of Cybersecurity, you must:

- Have in-depth knowledge of the NCC and work with the pan-Canadian cybersecurity ecosystem, hold sound scientific knowledge and understanding in the area of cybersecurity, and exhibit exceptional leadership ability in managing research programs;
- Hold a Ph.D., or equivalent degree and experience;
- Have senior executive experience to lead a multidisciplinary (virtual) team in the development of Cybersecurity strategies, programs, and research mandates, along with administrative functions;
- Have demonstrated experience and research achievements as evidenced by a track record in obtaining competitive research funding and as well as administrative leadership of research initiatives; and
- Have demonstrated communication skills, along with senior-level competencies including leadership, collaboration, building partnerships and alliances, organizational skills, and project management skills.

We welcome applications from established scientists at Canadian institutions.

The review of applications will begin mid-August 2023 and end September 8th, 2023, or until the position is filled. Ideally the Scientific Director would be in place before the end of 2023.

The National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) and its founding partners are dedicated to promoting inclusive research excellence by actively advocating for equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. Individuals from various backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply, including Indigenous people, people from racialized groups, persons with disabilities, women, individuals who identify as members of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and candidates who would enhance the diversity of our community. Bilingual applicants are welcomed and desirable. The position is open to established industrial and academic scientists in Canadian organizations.

To apply, please send a cover letter and CV, in confidence, to Lidya Farag <Lidya.Farag@ncc-cnc.ca>. If you have any questions regarding the position, the application process, eligibility, or accommodation during the hiring process, please contact Lidya Farag <Lidya.Farag@ncc-cnc.ca>.

We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.