

## **Diversity and Inclusion Policy**

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to express Vector Institute's ("the Corporation's") commitment to a diverse and inclusive workplace. This Policy sets out that commitment and outlines a high-level strategy for implementation.

### **2. Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion**

Vector recognizes that having a diverse and inclusive organization is essential to the Corporation's ability to further its vision to drive excellence and leadership in Canada's knowledge, creation, and use of artificial intelligence and to improve the lives of Canadians. It is also essential to enable the Corporation to attract the best global talent, focussed on research excellence and innovation.

The Corporation is committed to maintaining a working environment which actively promotes and supports human rights. The Corporation's support for diversity is grounded in a commitment to achieving a working environment that is free of discrimination and harassment as defined in the Ontario *Human Rights Code* and where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. The Corporation continually strives to foster and maintain a diverse and inclusive work environment in which diversity is embraced, and everyone has equal opportunity to succeed.

### **3. Scope**

This policy applies to all employees (permanent, temporary, part-time, and full time), faculty, research scientists, secondees, volunteers and students/interns. The Policy also applies to the Board.

### **4. Our Plan**

The Corporation is taking proactive steps to ensure the inclusion of diverse populations in all areas of the organization. The Corporation is committed to ensuring that individuals feel valued, respected, and supported. The Corporation's strategy with respect to recruitment, retention and advancement to enhance diversity may include:

- Considering diversity and inclusion when assessing organizational needs, goals and risks;
- Communicating diversity and inclusion objectives to all employees, faculty, research scientists, secondees, students and trainees; and
- Reviewing current policies, practices and procedures through a diversity lens, to ensure elimination of barriers and support for inclusion.

### **5. Responsibilities**

The creation of an inclusive workplace requires the work of every member of the Vector community, including employees, faculty, research scientists, secondees, volunteers and students/interns. The commitment to diversity and inclusion must start with management and permeate throughout the Corporation.

Responsibility for spreading the values expressed in this statement rests with the President and CEO, the COO, and the Manager, Human Resources, and is within the scope of each person's role in the organization.

## **6. Human Rights Policies**

The Corporation has policies in place to prevent violence, harassment and discrimination and to promote inclusion. This statement is to be read in conjunction with these policies.

## **7. Amendment**

This Policy will be reviewed as often as is necessary, but at least annually. This Policy may be amended by the Board.