



Executive Director

As the representative of Canadian aquaculture operators, feed companies, suppliers, as well as the connection with provincial and regional finfish and shellfish aquaculture associations, the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance works to ensure the international competitiveness of the Canadian Aquaculture industry. Headquartered in Ottawa, the CAIA serves its member organizations in the areas of advocacy, trade negotiations, animal welfare, and the provision of value-added services to its members. This multi-billion industry is now seeking a new Executive Director to lead the strategic pathway toward a dynamic, prosperous, and competitive aquaculture industry.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the new Executive Director will provide strategic leadership and vision in support of the association's government relationships program to advance CAIA's objectives. He or she will advocate for the aquaculture sector, demonstrate tangible value to its members and maintain active relationships with political officials, funding partners, other industry partners and regulators to effectively meet the Alliance's long term goals, with an aim to improving regulatory frameworks.

As an ideal candidate, you are a seasoned operational and industry leader with a track record of driving results in core business functions including leadership and management, financial management and strategic planning. Recognized as a credible leader with outstanding communication skills, you have a reputation for executing effective advocacy strategies and government relations. You leverage outstanding interpersonal and relationship building skills, and have impeccable judgement and political acumen, in influencing high-level officials, members and third party partners. You bring a positive, solutions-oriented focus in addressing complex and evolving issues and ideally possess a solid understanding of the agricultural sector, and/or a familiarity with industries that share common challenges. You are looking to play a key leadership role in a dynamic organization with an opportunity to significantly affect the future of this key sector of the Canadian economy. French-speaking abilities will be considered an asset.

For more information on this outstanding leadership opportunity, please contact Eric Slankis, Esther McGregor or Dominik Legault of Odgers Berndtson at 613-667-0134 or via email at dominik.legault@odgersberndtson.com. If you wish to submit your application in confidence, please apply here: <http://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/13698>.