

Kristina Öhrvall

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Previously the Director of Strategic Initiatives within R+I, Kristina Öhrvall brings substantial experience working within the McGill research community to the role of Assistant Vice-Principal, Research Development.

As AVP, Öhrvall acts as an agent of change, driving continuous improvements in how McGill identifies, develops, proposes and manages world-class, large-scale research initiatives. She helps McGill capitalize on opportunities for the funding of major large-scale projects and ensures that these projects are executed to the highest possible standards.

Öhrvall joined McGill in 2012. Prior to that, she worked at Concordia University also in administration. Trained as an environmental engineer, she holds a Master of Science degree from Sweden's Luleå University of Technology.



In her tenure at Strategic Initiatives, she helped secure three Canada Excellence Research Chairs and four Canada 150 Chairs. She was also instrumental in establishing partnerships between McGill, the Government of Quebec, and Genome Canada. She put in place the successful management structure and functioning of Healthy Brains, Healthy Lives, McGill's Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) \$84-million project, acting for a period as its interim CEO. More recently, she helped the COVID-19 Immunity Task Force establish its secretariat at McGill. In addition, she led the development and implementation of new bibliometric tools, such as SciVal, which are accessible to researchers and administrators across the University.