Director, Communications

About the Canada Council for the Arts
The Canada Council for the Arts is a federal Crown corporation created by an Act of Parliament in 1957 “to foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works in, the arts.” The Council offers a broad range of grants and services to professional Canadian artists and arts organizations. The Council reports to Parliament through the Minister of Canadian Heritage and receives most of its funding from the Government of Canada. For more information about the Canada Council for the Arts, please visit our website at www.canadacouncil.ca.

About the role
As a senior member of the Executive Management Group reporting to the Director and CEO of the Canada Council, you will be responsible for providing corporate leadership and direction for the design, development and implementation of cohesive communications strategies and policies that advance and foster the understanding and appreciation of Council’s mandate, programs and services, and that celebrate the achievements of Canadian artists and scholars.

The incumbent is also called upon to develop relationships with key partners and decision makers within the federal government and other jurisdictions, cultural institutions and the arts community. The positions that report to the Director, Communications are: Head, Strategic Communications; Head, Digital Media and Creative Services; Head, Endowments and Prizes; and Director, Art Bank.

The ideal candidate is bilingual (English/French) and has:

- a post-graduate degree or an equivalent combination of education and professional experience;
- ten (10) years of communications management experience, preferably related to the arts environment;
- in depth understanding of marketing and corporate positioning;
- excellent interpersonal, communication and team-building skills;
- the ability to motivate staff and to deal with conflicting priorities and differing points of view; and
- strong planning, analytical and policy development skills.

This regular full-time position is an EX-3 ($124,900 to $147,000), is located in Ottawa and may require up to 30 days of travel per year.

How to apply
Send the completed Application for Employment form quoting competition number 8000 and a copy of your resume to the attention of Manon Dugal, Director, Human Resources, by October 13, 2009 by either:

- email: competition1@canadacouncil.ca
- fax: 613.566.4323
- mail: 350 Albert Street, P.O. Box 1047, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5V8

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

We value diversity in our workforce and encourage candidates to self-identify as members of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities, aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities.