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## Leadership bios

### **Robert Luke, PhD Chief Executive Officer**

Robert Luke, PhD, is the Chief Executive Officer of eCampusOntario, which provides leadership to Ontario's universities and colleges promoting innovation and adoption of digital learning. eCampusOntario's mission is to inform and shape Ontario's online learning system redesign in consultation with sector stakeholders by funding and conducting research and pilot projects that promote and support digital fluency and educational system evolution for all.

Prior to his role as CEO, Dr Luke spent 10 years in executive management as Vice-President, Research & Innovation at George Brown College and at OCAD University. His expertise is in human-centered knowledge media design, working at the intersections of education and information science to produce useful and useable technology to support education, health and innovation systems. His experience includes the development of academic business, innovation and incubation initiatives.

Dr Luke has extensive experience in the evaluation of national research and innovation systems. He served on the Council of Canadian Academies Expert Panel Review of The State of Science and Technology and the State of Industrial Research & Development in Canada, 2016-18, and as Expert Panelist, Council of Canadian Academies Expert Panel Review of Science and Technology in Canada, 2011-2012. In 2012, he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for contributions to Canadian education and innovation. You can find him on twitter @robertlukedotca.

**Lena Patterson****Senior Director, Programs and Stakeholder Relations**

Lena has eight years of experience working in and alongside government at the provincial and federal level and five years of experience in non-profit and post-secondary education.

Lena has been part of the eCampusOntario team since the organization was created in August 2015. She worked closely with academic and government partners to establish the collaborative consortium model and now heads up a growing project team in her role as Senior Director, Programs and Stakeholder Relations.

She is known for mobilizing diverse stakeholders from government, business and education to carry out emergent, rapid development projects. Lena's work has focused on bridging higher education and industry, online and technology-enabled teaching and learning, and open education. She also sits on both the board for Open Education Global and on the International Council on Badges and Credentials.

Lena is currently pursuing doctoral studies at Western University in the EdD program in Educational Leadership with an emphasis on agile philosophy and leading through ambiguity in a non-profit environment. You can find her on twitter @lpatter10.

**Reem I. Ali, MBA****Chief Technology Officer (interim)**

Reem is the Chief Technology Officer (interim) at eCampusOntario. Prior to her role in eCampusOntario, Reem spent 10 years in IT Management and Client Services at Ontario Tech University, supporting the academic and administration communities to provide technology-enriched learning environments.

Reem has sat on academic councils and participated in the Canadian Universities Council of Chief Information Officers, giving her comprehensive knowledge of the role of information technology in academia.