## **BIOGRAPHY – Cristina Rai, BEng, MBA**

Ms. Cristina Rai has over 15 years experience in administrating research grants, contracts, scholarships and research infrastructure, knowledge built by working on different roles at University of Calgary as a Scholarship Officer for Faculty of Graduate Studies, Research Grants Officer for Research Services Office, Contracts Specialist for Cumming School of Medicine and Research Administrative Specialist for Office of the Associate Dean Research.

In 2021 Cristina was elected AUPE representative with the Research and Scholarship Committee, and with the Cumming School of Medicine, Dean Search & Selection Committee.

Prior to joining University of Calgary, Cristina has been selected and worked as an Evaluator, Observer and Consultant for the Delegation of the European Commission in Romania. She also worked as a Consultant advising small and medium sized company how to access European funding programs, developing and implementing funded projects for these companies. In 2007 Cristina was appointed the Deputy Director of the Romanian Cultural Institute in London, UK where she worked for a year developing and implementing various cultural programs.

Cristina graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from The Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Romania and as a UK Government Chevening Scholar and an MBA graduate from Durham Business School, UK.