Charlotte Yates was appointed provost and vice president (academic) for the University of Guelph in August 2015 and was recently appointed for a second five-year term that begins August 1, 2020.

Prior to joining the University of Guelph, Yates served as dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at McMaster University for the past seven years. Yates earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Winnipeg, a master’s degree from Queen’s University, and a PhD from Carleton University. She is a full professor in political science.

Yates is an interdisciplinary scholar who has maintained an active research agenda while doing her academic administrative roles. In 2012, she received a $2.1 million grant from the Automotive Partnership Council to examine how and what policies can be used to sustain and expand a globally competitive Canadian automotive industry. Yates has also maintained an active role in the research network, Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur la mondialisation et le travail (CRIMT), which is an interdisciplinary and interuniversity research center that focuses on the theoretical and practical challenges of institutional and organizational renewal in the areas of work and employment in the global era.

She has continued to supervise graduate and undergraduate students, do occasional undergraduate lectures, and present her work at conferences. Yates is also a frequent commentator on labor issues: She has appeared in the Financial Post, Wall Street Journal, Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, and Hamilton Spectator, as well as on CBC News World and TVO.