Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador

We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University’s campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi’kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province.

Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. As one of the larger faculties at the university, with 15 departments, over 200 faculty and staff, and more than 2,600 students, the Faculty offers an exceptional breadth of undergraduate, master’s, doctoral, diploma and certificate programs in the social sciences and humanities. Students receive a rigorous education that enables them to pursue programs they find fascinating, while honing their critical-thinking, analytical and communications skills. The diverse and vibrant community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni are dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and public engagement, and are actively involved in collaborative projects across disciplines, Faculties, and with community partners that aim to address the complex issues that impact our communities. For more information about the Faculty, visit www.mun.ca/hss.

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences plays an essential role at Memorial through its collaborative research and course offerings that serve students from all faculties and schools. Further, the diversity of teaching and inquiry HSS provides contributes significantly to the province and beyond. The Faculty seeks to further advance its dynamic teaching and research culture while continuing to be innovative, sustainable, and responsive. This is a unique opportunity for a new Dean – in collaboration with faculty, staff, and students – to channel HSS expertise to understand and tackle the challenges of the 21st century in social, racial, economic and climate justice and environmental change; to build upon the Faculty’s strengths and to elevate its profile at Memorial and in the broader community.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean will be responsible for all aspects of the Faculty’s operations and resources, including its programs, scholarly activity, departments, research institutes, student and faculty recruitment, as well as budgeting and fund development. The new Dean will be a distinguished academic with a strong research and teaching profile appointable at the rank of Full Professor, with a broad understanding of, and appreciation for the range of research and expertise found within the Faculty. A visionary and collegial leader, they will possess demonstrated academic and administrative leadership in a post-secondary environment; an outstanding record that demonstrates their commitment to Indigenization, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and to collegial governance and academic freedom; and the ability to nurture productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders. The successful candidate will bring a record of passionate advocacy for the humanities and social sciences, have the ability to balance consultation with sound decision-making and be an excellent communicator and motivator.

The appointment, which is renewable, is for five years and will take effect on July 1, 2022 or as mutually agreed. Consideration of candidates will commence in March 2022 and continue until the position is filled. Nominations and/or applications should be submitted, in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Krutika Hotwani at mundeanhss@odgersberndtson.com.
Memorial University – Newfoundland and Labrador’s University - is one of the largest postsecondary institutions in Atlantic Canada with more than 20,000 students from over 115 countries, approximately 3,700 faculty and staff spread across all campuses, and a global network of over 100,000 accomplished alumni. Memorial University plays an unparalleled role in the social, cultural, scientific, and economic development of Newfoundland and Labrador, while also enjoying national and global impact and a commitment to Indigenous students and peoples, as well as the international students that join its vibrant community. Memorial is home to 19 faculties and schools offering more than 100 degree programs of international distinction across the humanities and social sciences, health disciplines, sciences, fine arts, education and business, within an environment that fosters innovation and creativity, equity and diversity. Research funding totals approximately $160 million annually, and among faculty, there are 21 Canada Research Chairs and, 28 Fellows and nine new scholars of the Royal Society of Canada. For more information on Memorial University, please visit www.mun.ca.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority. Memorial University is committed to employment equity and diversity and encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women; people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; Indigenous peoples; visible minorities/racialized people; and people with disabilities.

Memorial University and Odgers Berndtson respect people’s different needs and therefore will take all reasonable steps to ensure accommodation for applicants during the process. If you require accommodation to participate in the recruitment process, please inform Odgers Berndtson.