Dean, Faculty of Applied Science & Technology
Sheridan College

Since their founding in 1967, Sheridan has been synonymous with trailblazing excellence. From our first-to-market credentials that have pioneered entire fields of academic study to our ground-breaking work to create the pedagogy that develops people’s capacity to thrive on change throughout their lives, Sheridan has earned an enviable reputation for being cutting-edge, forward-thinking and unique. Sheridan is the most degree intensive college in the province, a leader among Canada’s top 50 research colleges, and currently ranked No. 1 on the Forbes list of Canada’s top 300 employers.

Sheridan is searching for the next Dean for the Faculty of Applied Science & Technology (FAST).

FAST delivers practical, hands-on learning opportunities that can be carried from the classroom to the workforce. FAST’s high-intensity and industry-renowned programs equip students with relevant knowledge and real-world problem-solving skills to apply to a rapidly changing world. From applied computing to engineering, architectural technology to chemistry and skilled trades, FAST graduates have more opportunities in a rapidly changing world. FAST currently has approximately 7000 students and offers 43 programs including bachelor’s degrees, advanced diplomas, diplomas, post grad certificates and certificates.

Reporting to the Provost & Vice President Academic, the Dean of FAST will amplify Sheridan’s core institutional narrative, value proposition, and points of differentiation to deepen relationships with stakeholders, earn their support and build Sheridan’s positive reputation within the community. In this exciting and challenging role, the incumbent will be responsible for advancing the Faculty’s strategic vision and for inspiring faculty, staff, students, and community partners in its pursuit. The Dean will foster and support a culture of excellence in teaching and learning, interdisciplinary scholarship, innovation, rigorous and relevant programming, and mutually beneficial partnerships with industry. The Dean will model the highest degree of administrative accountability through the deployment of an operational model of continuous improvement and planning. Fostering an equitable and inclusive culture will be at the core of the Dean’s role.

The ideal candidate possesses leadership experience gained in a post-secondary setting as well as deep connections with industry and community partners. Highly strategic, transformative, collaborative, and entrepreneurial, the successful candidate will bring exceptional communication skills, well-developed networks, and have an orientation to relationship-building and engagement, both inside the college and externally. A post-graduate degree in a relevant discipline is required; however, a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree is preferred.

Sheridan College will begin considering candidates immediately, with the new Dean to take office ideally in January of 2024. To submit a nomination or to apply directly, please write to Andrea Patrick and Joanne Agius at Odgers Berndtson at deanfast@odgersberndtson.com no later than November 3, 2023.

All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

*Sheridan College and Odgers Berndtson will provide candidates with accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. For accommodations, please contact deanfast@odgersberndtson.com.*
Sheridan is deeply committed to implementing the Calls to Action framed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, Anishinaabe Nation, Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. Sheridan is situated on these lands, and it is our collective responsibility to honour and respect those who have gone before us, those who are here, and those who have yet to come. We are grateful for the opportunity to be working on this land.

Sheridan values the diverse and intersectional identities of its students, faculty, and staff. Sheridan regards equity and diversity as an integral part of academic excellence and is committed to accessibility for all employees. Sheridan seeks applicants who embrace our values of equity, anti-racism, and inclusion. As such, we encourage applications from qualified candidates who have been historically disadvantaged and marginalized, including those who identify as First Nations, Métis and/or Inuit/Inuk, Black, members of racialized communities, persons with disabilities, women and/or 2SLGBTQ+.

Odgers Berndtson is deeply committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in all the work that we do. As part of our efforts to better understand our ability to reach as broad a pool of candidates as possible for our searches, our DEI team would like to encourage you to take a moment and access our Self-Declaration Form.