



Dean, Faculty of Animation, Arts & Design Sheridan College

Sheridan College is situated on the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, Anishinaabe Nation, Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. 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 and are committed to truth and reconciliation.

Sheridan values the diverse and intersectional identities of its students, faculty, and staff, and regards equity and diversity as an integral part of academic excellence, and 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+.

As a top-ranked and internationally renowned institution, Sheridan College attracts students and faculty members from across Canada and around the world. As further testament to its culture of academic and organizational excellence and belonging, Sheridan is currently ranked No. 1 on the Forbes list of Canada's top employers.

Sheridan never stands still. We incorporate the best elements of colleges, polytechnics and universities to architect and deliver a new kind of higher education that brings together excellent teaching, academic rigour, connectivity to the workforce, interdisciplinary creativity and innovation, personal development, and applied research. We tend to the development of the person as much as to the currency of knowledge, workforce preparedness, and a seamless transition to lifelong learning for our graduates. Working in partnership with industry and our local communities, we're an unstoppable force for individual, economic and societal transformation.

Sheridan's Faculty of Animation, Arts & Design (FAAD), Canada's largest art school and best animation school in the world two years running according to Animation Career Review, is home to diverse and innovative fields of study in Animation and Game Design; Design, Illustration and Photography; Film, TV and Journalism; Material Art and Design; and Visual and Performing Arts. Curricular offerings cover a wide range of disciplines and subject areas in thirty-six different programs.

The Faculty's 6000+ students learn in a vibrant, forward-thinking, interdisciplinary community and engage in a creative educational experience which develops a rare combination of artistic talent, professionalism, and technical sophistication. Alumni of FAAD have a long history of success at the Canadian Screen Awards, Oscars, and Emmy's, and maintain ongoing ties with the college geared towards continued student success.

Within this exciting context, Sheridan College seeks its next **Dean of the Faculty of the Faculty of Animation, Arts & Design (FAAD)**.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice President Academic, the Dean of FAAD is responsible for boldly advancing the Faculty's strategic vision and for inspiring faculty, staff, students, and community partners in its pursuit. They will foster and support a culture of creativity and excellence in teaching and learning, interdisciplinary scholarship, innovative research, 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.



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The ideal candidate possesses leadership experience gained in a post-secondary setting as well as deep connections to the creative industries. Highly imaginative, future-focused, collaborative, entrepreneurial, and creative, the successful candidate will bring exceptional communication skills, well-developed networks (nationally and internationally), 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.

Applications are encouraged immediately at <https://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/18872>. Sheridan College will begin considering candidates immediately, with the new Dean to take office ideally by September 1, 2023. To submit a nomination or to apply directly, please write to Andrea Patrick at Odgers Berndtson at andrea.patrick@odgersberndtson.com.

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. To request accommodation, please contact [Human Resources](#).

