

## Dean, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design

York University is conducting an extensive search for a Dean, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design to take office July 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter, and invites expressions of interest, applications, and nominations.

Home to 53,000 students, York University has an established international reputation as a research-intensive university committed to collegial self-governance, social justice, equity, inclusivity, and diversity. Established in 1959, York has two campuses in the Greater Toronto Metropolitan Region and an upcoming state-of-the-art campus in the City of Markham. As a comprehensive university with 11 Faculties and Schools, 24 research centres, and 280 worldwide partnerships, York is a vibrant intellectual community focused on the highest academic quality, outstanding teaching and learning and student experience, cutting-edge research, and engagement with local, national and international communities. Please visit [www.yorku.ca](http://www.yorku.ca) for additional information about the University.

The School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design (AMPD) is not only one of North America's premier professional and research institutions, but also has evolved over the years as a leader that emphasizes practice and practice-based research in the arts, digital media and computational arts, and design. Home to 110 faculty members and 2500 undergraduate and 350 graduate students, AMPD is a thriving interdisciplinary environment for creativity and artistic practice, research, and learning in up-to-date facilities. Undergraduate, masters (including MA, MFA, and MDes programs), and doctoral degrees are offered in a range of areas including dance, digital media, cinema and media studies, design, music, performance studies, theatre, and visual art and art history. AMPD welcomes leading arts practitioners and scholars, offers its students unique opportunities to interact with Toronto's diverse arts community, and will be a significant contributor to innovative programming at the new Markham campus. Please visit <http://ampd.yorku.ca> for more information.

Reporting to the Vice-President Academic & Provost and a member of York's senior administration, the Dean of the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design is the School's chief academic and administrative officer, providing strategic direction, academic planning leadership and administrative oversight. The new Dean will lead AMPD to further excellence in teaching, research and service, raise its impact and reputation, and provide leadership in a challenging educational environment by developing key academic priorities and the strategies needed to advance them.

The successful candidate will possess the academic/creative profile and leadership experience to build on the School's strengths and develop new directions for undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral education and research. Experience in and knowledge of a creative and performance arts or cultural sector environment, as well as a relevant advanced degree, is required. With a record of building strong teams and promoting innovative interdisciplinary activities, the new Dean will possess an open and collegial style, a creative approach to problem solving, and outstanding management, communication and interpersonal skills. The new Dean will be able to promote excellence, equity, diversity and inclusion amongst all faculty, staff and students, and have the capacity to build and sustain positive working relationships with a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA program, which applies to Aboriginal people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women, can be found at <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/> or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents, and others legally entitled to work in Canada for York University will be given priority.

Applicants wishing to self-identify can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the forms found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/>. Please select the "Affirmative Action" tab under which forms pertaining to Citizenship and AA can be found.

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), accommodation will be provided by both Laverne Smith & Associates and York University throughout the recruitment process to applicants with disabilities.

Consideration of potential candidates will begin immediately and will continue until the role is successfully filled. Applications should include a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the candidate), and may be forwarded electronically, in confidence, to the University's executive search consultants:

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