

Search for Dean, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design: Internal Call for Applications

A committee has been established to conduct a search and to advise the President on the appointment of the next Dean of the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design. The search will be internal to York University.

This appointment is for a term up to five years, commencing July 1, 2025 or as soon thereafter as feasible. A CV and letter of application should be sent, in confidence, to the committee's secretary, Jessica Wyman (jwyman@yorku.ca), by **Friday, March 7, 2025**.

The School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design (AMPD) is one of North America's most renowned and comprehensive schools for the creative arts. It has evolved over the years as a leader that emphasizes both critical theory and practice-based research across multiple disciplines and art forms, from the gallery to the stage and screen. Home to 120 faculty members, with 2,700 undergraduate and 250 graduate students, AMPD is a thriving interdisciplinary environment for creativity and artistic practice, research and learning in premier facilities at both the Keele and Markham campuses of York University, as well as the Motion Media Studio at Cinespace in west-end Toronto. Undergraduate, masters (including MA and MFA programs), and doctoral degrees are offered in a range of areas including digital media, cinema and media arts, music, theatre, dance and performance studies, as well as visual art and art history. AMPD welcomes leading arts practitioners and scholars, offering its students unique opportunities to interact with the GTA's diverse arts community. Please visit <http://ampd.yorku.ca> for more information.

Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President Academic and a member of York's senior administration, the Dean is the School's chief academic and administrative officer providing strategic direction, academic planning leadership, administrative oversight and operational excellence, including budget planning and oversight of facilities. The new Dean will lead AMPD colleagues in crafting the School's next strategic plan to further advance excellence in pedagogy and learning, community engagement, research, innovation and related creative activities, raising its reputation and impact, and providing leadership in a challenging environment for both higher education and the arts nationally and internationally. The Dean also plays an essential role in contributing to institution-wide academic and strategic plans and actions to move the entire University forward.

The successful candidate, a tenured faculty member at York, will possess the academic profile and leadership experience to build on the School's strengths and develop new directions for undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral programming and scholarship,



and to enhance collaboration with other academic units at York. Experience in and knowledge of creative and performing arts or cultural sector environments, 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 have a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of the School including fund-raising. They will be a champion for the student learning experience and the University's Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, and have the capacity to build and sustain positive working relationships with a wide variety of internal and external constituents, nationally and internationally.

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 women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and those who self-identify as 2SLGBTQ+, can be found at <https://www.yorku.ca/vpepc/faculty-affairs/affirmative-action/> or by contacting Christal Chapman, EDI Program Manager (chapman7@yorku.ca). Applicants wishing to self-identify may do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form found at <https://www.yorku.ca/vpepc/faculty-affairs/affirmative-action/>. York has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Applicants who require accommodation are invited to contact name, title, contact information.

Consideration of potential candidates will begin immediately and will continue until the role is successfully filled. Along with a curriculum vitae, letters of application should address the qualifications and criteria noted in the ad and include a statement that shares the applicant's record of advancing DEDI in scholarship and practice. References will be requested at a later stage.