



## **Update on the Fall Semester, Sheridan Internships, and Employment Opportunities**

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Dear Sheridan Students,

As we end our seventh week of social distancing, I'm writing to share updates on:

- The Fall 2020 semester
- Sheridan internships
- The agricultural jobs initiative

### **Fall 2020 Semester at Sheridan**

Sheridan is looking forward to welcoming new and returning students for the fall 2020 academic term.

While we're hopeful that learners can be back on campus, our faculty and staff are planning for various instructional scenarios -- in person, hybrid, and remote. With so many external factors beyond our control, it would be irresponsible to do anything less.

Regardless of the delivery mechanism, our fall programs and services will continue to

deliver our enriched learning experiences – including internships, co-ops and applied research opportunities.

You'll appreciate that we must continue to action public health protocols and provincial directives to protect people's health and safety. Until there is an available vaccine and/or clear medical evidence that individuals cannot be infected with COVID-19 more than once, one might expect that:

- the number of people on campus will be kept to a minimum;
- strict physical distancing will be maintained;
- frequent handwashing, respiratory etiquette and the use of face masks will be required;
- temperature checks may be required prior to entry; and
- common gathering spaces cannot re-open for mass use.

## **Sheridan's Virtual Internship and Social Innovation Program**

The number of available co-op and internship opportunities for degree-level students has been greatly reduced due to the pandemic. In response, Sheridan is exploring alternate ways for students to achieve their internship requirements this summer.

While still in development, it is envisioned that the Sheridan Internship Program would engage with local government, business, community foundations, non-profits and charities to identify current challenges related to COVID-19 and use innovation tools and a 'hackathon' approach for solution development. The program would also allow for students to participate in a structured learning program facilitated by Sheridan with industry mentorship and guidance, that enables students to participate in work-based projects and activities to meet their internship requirements.

Our plan is to roll this program out in the coming weeks. We will share more details as soon as they become available.

## **Summer Job Opportunities in the Agricultural Sector**

As the country rallies to support our communities in these challenging times, we've all gained a new appreciation for the work that goes into food production and distribution. If you are looking for employment this summer, there are opportunities available within the agricultural sector. You can find more information here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/agriculture-and-food-jobs-ontario>.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. Please rest assured that everyone

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