

A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



Spring and Summer Term Updates

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Colleagues:

As I've often said – via email, video, town hall presentations or voicemail - safeguarding Sheridan's future hinges on our unwavering commitment to quality, character and accountability. It also demands that we fully live up to our promise to support our students throughout their learning journeys. Simply: enrolment recovery – specifically, the recruitment and retention of students – must be our number one priority right now.

To that end, I'd like to address how we continue to fulfill our mandate – and our calling – for the upcoming Spring/Summer term, which begins exactly two weeks from today, on May 19:

- **Program delivery**
- **Laptop loaner program**
- **Virtual spring orientation**

Program Delivery

To meet the learning needs of our community, we are running approximately 90% of our typical Spring/Summer offerings. They span the full range of credentials from

certificates to diplomas and degrees, in approximately 130 programs, covering everything from business, technology, early childhood education, applied health, the humanities, and more.

Last year, we had 9,400 students enrolled for the Spring/Summer term – which was a combination of both full time and part time learners. This year, even with the market being more uncertain, we are cautiously optimistic that we may reach an overall enrolment of almost 7,000 full time learners. Included in this total are 275 students who are new to Sheridan. We'll know more about our overall enrolment for Spring/Summer, including our part time student numbers, as registration progresses over the next week. This achievement affirms our decision to plan for the 'high impact' enrolment loss scenario and signals that – thankfully -- we have not yet slipped into the 'catastrophic'.

Loaner Laptop Program

Similar to efforts launched at the end of the Winter semester, we are working to make laptops available to students registered for the Spring/Summer term who need them to complete their courses. This loaner laptop program is being offered on a first-come, first-serve basis at no cost to students.

If you know of any students who are in need, please encourage them to visit the [Loaner Laptop Program page](#) (which lists eligible programs) and fill out a [request form](#). Laptops will be delivered by courier, free of charge, but must be returned at the end of the semester if students wish to avoid being charged for the replacement value of the device.

Virtual Spring Orientation

Student Affairs and the Sheridan Student Union have put together a variety of virtual orientation activities for incoming Spring semester students:

- All students, whether incoming or returning, are invited to attend a series of online [Start of Term workshops](#) and [self-guided tutorials](#) which provide information about adjusting to Sheridan and our remote delivery format.
- We are hosting program-specific [Academic Orientation](#) sessions.
- Students may also participate in the [Sheridan Student Union](#) Welcome Week activities from the comfort of their own homes.

All New Student Orientation sessions will be hosted online through SLATE Virtual Classroom – this will fuel students' familiarity with the platform they'll be using for classes. Further information about New Student Orientation can be found [here](#).

As promised, I will continue to share updates as they become available. I am equally committed to ensuring that students continue to be at the centre of everything we do.

Sincerely,

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