

A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



Fueling Renewal

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Dear colleagues,

As we continue to navigate our way through a time that's rife with disruption, I want to share some examples of how we're strategically and thoughtfully fueling Sheridan's ongoing recovery from the pandemic. Today I'll cover:

- Globalization and internationalization
- Winter enrolment

Globalization and Internationalization

We are living in a world that's unpredictable, rapidly changing and deeply interconnected. In that context, our commitment to internationalization is crucial to preparing Sheridan's learners to flourish.

To be clear, internationalization is more than recruiting students to Sheridan from abroad. It's an intentional and holistic process to bring a global dimension to all aspects of post-secondary education. Done well, it fuels academic quality and prepares graduates to make meaningful contributions to society... locally and globally.

Our Centre for Global Education and Internationalization is leading this effort by working collaboratively to weave international, intercultural and global dimensions into the curriculum and across all aspects of our campuses. Their work balances important principles of Indigenization and inclusiveness. They also coordinate international mobility opportunities and develop international partnerships.

To build a deeper understanding about internationalization at Sheridan, I invite you to participate in a [series of webinars](#) that the Centre has planned for International Education Week, which begins on November 16. Esteemed panelists from Sheridan and invited subject matter experts from post-secondary institutions across Canada, Europe and Brazil will discuss topics such as: reorienting the internationalization of higher education toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; Inclusive Internationalization; and connecting classrooms across the globe through online learning.

Winter Enrolment

Per my weekly updates and our recent Town Hall, securing enrolment is the key to maintaining Sheridan's long-term well-being. Specifically, we need to recruit and retain students at numbers that continue to reflect the "high impact" scenario.

The collective efforts of Sheridan's faculty and staff to create innovative learning experiences gave us the confidence to offer a money-back guarantee for students this past Fall. We believe the Fall Promise made a difference in meeting our enrolment recovery targets and are proud to offer that same guarantee to new and returning students again for the Winter 2021 semester.

Specifically, students will have the opportunity to withdraw without academic penalty by February 12, 2021 and receive a full refund of their tuition and fees (including their enrolment deposit). Similar to fall, we will also continue to offer domestic and returning international students a payment plan option. Details about our Winter guarantee are available [here](#).

Finally, I want to confirm that Sheridan has submitted all of the required paperwork to Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada to gain status as a Designated Learning Institution, which is a school newly re-approved to host international students not currently in Canada. The DLI designation is a requisite for learners from abroad to obtain study permits. We have been assured that we will be added to the list of approved institutions on or before November 17.

Colleagues: I know that the pandemic continues to pose challenges – personally and professionally – for all of us. I am ever grateful for all that you do in service to our learners.

Warmly,

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