# Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences
# Trent University

Trent University invites applications for the position of **Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences**.

**The Opportunity**

Trent University is a top-ranked university in Ontario, Canada, recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, interdisciplinary learning, Indigenous education, and an outstanding student experience. With a strong reputation for research and teaching, innovative programming, engaged scholarship, and community connection, the University is well positioned to build on its strengths while navigating a period of significant change across the post-secondary sector.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice President Academic, the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences serves as the academic leader of a diverse faculty encompassing the humanities, social sciences, Indigenous studies, business, and social work, as well as a range of interdisciplinary programs and partnerships.

The Dean joins an experienced senior academic leadership team at a pivotal moment for the University and the sector. Working closely with faculty, staff, students, and fellow academic leaders and administrators, the Dean will help shape the faculty's future direction while advancing institutional priorities related to academic excellence, student success, enrolment sustainability, and research and scholarly activity.

The faculty's breadth is one of its greatest strengths. Home to an accomplished community of scholars, educators, staff, students, and alumni, it includes disciplines that are fundamental to understanding the social, cultural, political, historical, and economic forces shaping contemporary society. The next Dean will champion both disciplinary excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration while fostering an environment in which teaching, research, scholarship, creative activity, and student success can flourish.

As a member of the University's senior leadership team, the Dean will work collaboratively across the institution to help shape academic planning and resource priorities in an increasingly complex environment. The successful candidate will bring the ability to balance strategic vision with thoughtful decision-making, build trust across diverse constituencies, and lead with integrity, transparency, and respect for collegial governance.

Located in Peterborough, Ontario, on the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg, Trent offers a distinctive academic environment defined by close connections among students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners.

**The Candidate**

The ideal candidate will be an accomplished scholar with a record of progressively senior academic leadership experience and a demonstrated ability to advance institutional priorities through collaboration and relationship-building. They will possess a deep appreciation for the role of the humanities and social sciences in contemporary post-secondary education and a clear understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing universities in Ontario. Experience in academic planning, enrolment strategy, faculty development, budget stewardship, and organizational leadership will be important considerations.

The successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility, and to advancing Indigenous knowledges, perspectives, and relationships across the academic mission of the University.

**Applications**

To learn more about this opportunity, please review the Position Profile.

To apply for this opportunity, please submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae to provost@trentu.ca.

Trent University is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive campus community. Applicants may submit Trent University's voluntary self-identification form.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

While all applicants are thanked for their interest in Trent University and their applications for this position, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Trent University offers accommodation for applicants with disabilities in its recruitment processes. If you require accommodation during the recruitment process or require an accessible version of a document/publication, please contact provost@trentu.ca.

Review of applications will begin **January 8, 2027**, and will continue until the position is filled.