Memorial University of Newfoundland
Dean, School of Human Kinetics and Recreation

Memorial University of Newfoundland, one of the largest universities in Atlantic Canada, and the only university in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, School of Human Kinetics & Recreation. The appointment, for an initial five-year term, begins September 1, 2018.

The School of Human Kinetics & Recreation provides a student-centred experiential learning approach to its 500 plus students, offering undergraduate degrees in three program areas: Kinesiology, Physical Education, and Recreation. By the start of the 2018 academic year, the School will offer three non-co-op degrees and one co-op degree program, and will introduce an innovative new self-directed undergraduate degree. The School’s cooperative education program provides valuable work experience in a variety of related fields, and in the past five years, more than 80% of the students enrolled achieved honours degrees. Graduate degrees include the Master of Physical Education and the Master of Science in Kinesiology. The School’s seventeen faculty and fourteen staff are dedicated to delivering programs aimed at improving the health and well-being of society. Innovative research programs cover a broad range of topics, and include active collaboration and partnership with health and education professions across campus and in the community. The Sea-Hawks varsity athletics program employs eight full time staff members who report to the Dean, and form part of the School’s and Memorial’s strong sporting tradition. More information about the School is available at www.mun.ca/hkr.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice President (Academic), the Dean, School of Human Kinetics and Recreation will be responsible for all aspects of the School’s operations. A proven and innovative leader with the vision to strengthen and develop programs, the new Dean will continue to build and promote dynamic partnerships aimed at advancing collaborative education and research. The ideal candidate will possess an earned doctorate, and have a record of outstanding senior academic and administrative leadership in an appropriate field or discipline, with a record of scholarship sufficient for appointment to a tenured position at the senior ranks. Excellent interpersonal skills, coupled with the ability to engage effectively with colleagues, students, and the wider community, will be hallmarks of the ideal candidate. Experience with co-operative education programs and varsity athletics programs would be an asset.

Located in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial is a public, multi-campus, comprehensive university with teaching and research programs of international distinction. Its consolidated budget exceeds $600M annually. Memorial has more than 18,500 students spread across four campuses and nearly 90,000 alumni around the world. As a respected employer of more than 5,000 faculty, staff and students, Memorial University provides an environment that fosters innovation and creativity.
Consideration of candidates will begin early February 2018, and will continue until the position is filled. Nominations, applications, or expressions of interest should be directed, in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Laura Brannan at memorialhrk@odgersberndtson.com.

Memorial University is strongly committed to employment equity and especially welcomes applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.