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Leigh Huestis joined Acadia University as the Director of Technology Transfer and Innovation in 2003 after 10 years working in a variety of senior business development and strategic alliance roles within the IT industry in Atlantic Canada. Leigh was also a Partner in a marketing consulting company - PLUG Marketing - which specialized in providing marketing solutions to small and medium sized companies throughout Atlantic Canada.

As Director of Acadia's Office of Industry and Community Engagement (formerly the Office of Technology Transfer and Innovation), Leigh is responsible for commercialization and industry liaison activities, intellectual property management and preparation and negotiation of a wide variety of research and commercialization agreements. Leigh has been a recipient of the Acadia President's Award for Innovation and a team finalist for a NS Discovery Award. She also sits as an Advisory Member on a number of Boards, including the Acadia Center for Social and Business Entrepreneurship (ACSBE) and the Jodrey School of Computer Science, and is actively involved in coordinating activities of the Springboard Network as a member of the Network Coordination Committee and the Technology Assessment Committee.

Leigh has an MBA from Saint Mary's University and a Bachelor of Arts (English) and Law degree from Dalhousie University. Leigh is a member of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) and its sister CDN organization, ACCT, the Licensing Executives Society (LES), the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, the NS Barristers Society and Springboard Atlantic Inc.