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Sarah Watts-Rynard assumed the role of chief executive officer at Polytechnics Canada in July 2018. Prior to this role, she served as executive director of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum. Polytechnics Canada is the voice of leading research-intensive, publicly funded polytechnics, colleges and institutes of technology. The organization is involved in federal advocacy related to skills and innovation policy, reflecting the strengths of its member institutions. Polytechnics Canada collaborates with the industry to develop the highly skilled people essential to the Canadian economy. Programs are career-focused and community-responsive across credentials that include bachelor degrees, diplomas, apprenticeships, postgraduate certificates, continuing education and corporate training. Experiential learning is an integral part of the polytechnic education model. Industries also turn to their polytechnic partners for applied research support, using their facilities, equipment and talent to propel business success. Sarah chairs the CWB Foundation and is vice-chair of the Canadian Centre for Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology (WinSETT Centre).