Western’s vision is to be a destination of choice for the world’s brightest minds seeking the best learning experience at a leading Canadian research university. Since 1878, ‘The Western Experience’ has combined academic excellence with life-long opportunities for intellectual, social, and cultural growth in order to better serve our communities. Combining more than 1,400 faculty, 2500 administrative staff, and 32,500 FTE students (including more than 6,000 graduate students), Western has established itself as a globally recognized destination for academic excellence and leadership development achieved through learning and research. Through 12 Faculties and Schools, and three affiliated University Colleges, Western’s vibrant centre of learning offers its undergraduate students more than 400 specializations, majors, and minors, as well as innovative modular degree structures allowing them to combine numerous disciplines. In graduate education, Western offers 53 Doctoral and 83 Master’s programs. For more information about Western, visit www.uwo.ca.

Western now invites applications and nominations for the position of Associate Vice-President (Student Experience). Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) and as a key member of the University’s senior leadership team, the Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) is accountable for expanding and strengthening Western’s capacity and reputation for providing the country’s best student experience in a research-intensive university. Recognizing that the creation of a world-class learning environment is a shared responsibility, the Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) works in a highly integrated setting that draws upon the strengths and resources of multiple academic and administrative units across the academy.

This critical appointment for Western calls for a visionary, strategic, and imaginative leader—someone who is energized by the opportunity to deliver on the mandate of the Student Experience portfolio. The ideal candidate will be a strong communicator who can drive innovation in support of student development and student success. The new Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) will possess significant leadership experience gained in a public university environment, an understanding of the issues facing today’s undergraduate and graduate students, and knowledge of best practices in student support, advocacy, and service delivery. The successful candidate holds a graduate degree. An appointment to the professorial ranks may be negotiable, consistent with presentation of appropriate scholarly background and experience.

Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups / visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons with any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression. Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process by contacting our search consultant (see below). In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority.

Consideration of candidates will begin March 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Nominations and/or applications should be submitted, in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Jason Murray at westernavpse@odgersberndtson.com.