Chair/Chief, Department of Psychiatry

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University, London Health Sciences Centre, and St. Joseph’s Health Care London are seeking a Chair/Chief for the Department of Psychiatry. Together, the hospitals provide comprehensive care to a large and geographically extended population of approximately 1.6 million people across Southwestern Ontario. The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry has a long tradition of excellence, beginning with the founding of the medical school in 1881, and the dental school in 1964.

With a forward-looking vision and an enthusiastic faculty, the Department of Psychiatry and its partner clinical facilities, are committed to ensuring, in concert with the vision at Western, that our students, both undergraduate and postgraduate, have the optimum learning and training experiences with opportunities to engage in both clinical and basic science research. Dedicated clinical teachers, clinical researchers, physicians, scientists, and basic scientists support these opportunities along with dedicated and knowledgeable administrative support staff.

The Department of Psychiatry, Schulich Medicine & Dentistry at Western has established a standard of excellence in its academic endeavours that has grown out of the development of strong divisions with committed leaders. Each division is headed by an academic chair and several have a chair/chief role, mirroring the Chair/Chief role of the Department of Psychiatry head. There is overlap and collaboration across the divisions, ensuring a strong centralized academic department; the divisions also provide opportunity for individuals with specific interest and expertise to thrive academically. Each academic division has a strong link, through membership, with clinical programs in our affiliated teaching hospitals and research institutions. This provides the academic substrate for teaching and training, research and clinical service. These linkages are fostered in the hospitals by a shared administrative leadership model that replicates, at all levels, the partnership between the Vice-President Mental Health Services and the Chair/Chief/Senior Medical Director for Psychiatry. Our affiliated teaching institutions include London Health Sciences Centre, St. Joseph’s Health Care, the Child and Parent Resource Institute, and Madame Vanier Children’s Centre. Our research affiliations are with Parkwood Institute, the Lawson Health Research Institute, and the Robarts Research Institute.

The new Chair/Chief must have the vision to expand the strengths of integrated clinical, teaching, and research programs aligned with the University, Lawson Health Research Institute, London Health Sciences Center, and St Joseph’s Health Care. The new Chair/Chief will be an exceptional leader with the vision and scholarly profile to understand and develop the complex interrelationships between the clinical, teaching, and research strengths of the Department in an evolving health care system. He/she must have a strong record of clinical service, quality improvement, operational effectiveness work, and leadership in both clinical and research activities. Furthermore, the successful candidate will have demonstrated excellence in scholarship and the vision to expand the strengths of integrated teaching and research programs of the department. He/she will have prior experience dealing with Clinical services, in particular, clinical quality and operations. Additionally, he/she must have a record of building and strengthening relations with diverse populations within the community. He/she will be an excellent communicator, able to advocate for the departmental mission and goals to its partners and to the community.

The successful candidate will hold an M.D or equivalent and be certified or eligible to be certified as a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and eligible for licensure in the Province of Ontario. Compensation will be based on qualifications and experience and will be composed primarily of the following sources: fee for service, alternate funding plan, and academic support. The successful candidate will hold a full-time continuing Clinical Academic appointment in the Department of Psychiatry at the rank of Full Professor.

Western University is located in London, Ontario, with a metropolitan census of 530,000. London boasts an extensive educational and health care community including two large teaching hospitals with multiple sites, two research institutes, an Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) node, and an academic health sciences network across Southwestern Ontario. With full-time enrollment of 32,000, Western graduates students from a range of academic and professional programs. Details about Western University’s Schulich Medicine & Dentistry may be found at www.schulich.uwo.ca; Western University at www.uwo.ca; the Department of Psychiatry at www.schulich.uwo.ca/psychiatry; London Health Sciences Centre at www.lhsc.on.ca; and St. Joseph’s Health Care London at www.sjhc.london.on.ca

Interested candidates should submit an application including a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three references, and please ensure that the form available at: http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/physicians/Application_FullTime_Clinical.pdf is included with your application to:

Dr. Bertha Garcia, Vice Dean, Education
Dr. Robin Walker, Integrated Vice President of Medical Affairs and Medical Education
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University
London, Ontario N6A 5C1, FAX: (519) 850-2257; selection.committee@schulich.uwo.ca

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applicants will begin after June 30, 2017. Anticipated start date is to be negotiated.

Business Addresses:
Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. 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 of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Brigitte Neale at Brigitte.Neale@Schulich.uwo.ca phone 519-661-2111 ext. 82698.

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