



**The University of Western Ontario**

**Faculty of Science**

**CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES**

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair of the Department of Earth Sciences. Applicants must hold an active tenured appointment, at the rank of Associate or Professor, within the Faculty of Science. The position will have an initial 5-year term, normally renewable once.

This role requires a visionary leader who excels in administration and communication. The Chair will advocate for the department's mission and goals, fostering strong relationships with partners and the community. The Chair will strategically leverage the department's strengths, working collaboratively with faculty to develop innovative and integrated teaching and research initiatives. These are identified signature areas in all relevant Western strategic plans.

The successful candidate must have a demonstrated and ongoing record of success in research, as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications and external grant funding, as well as documented excellence in communication and teaching. Given the multidisciplinary nature of the Department, exceptional interpersonal skills are required with recognized evidence of administrative and leadership abilities built on a platform of transparency, equity, inclusiveness and consensus building.

To apply: Review of applications will begin after **June 20, 2025**, with an anticipated start date as early as September 1, 2025. The application should include a detailed curriculum vitae and a cover letter containing their assessment of the challenges facing the Department and their vision for addressing these challenges together with a synopsis of their past accomplishments in research, teaching and leadership. Applicants are encouraged to include the names and email addresses of 3 referees.

Nominations and applications should be addressed to:  
Matt Davison, Dean of Science, Chair of the Earth Sciences Chair Selection Committee  
(c/o Kristen Harris [kharri27@uwo.ca](mailto:kharri27@uwo.ca))  
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*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, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.*

*If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact  
Kristen Harris [kharri27@uwo.ca](mailto:kharri27@uwo.ca)*

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