

Assistant or Associate Professor - Health Information Sciences

The [Faculty of Health Sciences](#) (FHS) and [Faculty of Information & Media Studies](#) (FIMS) at Western University invite applications for a Joint Associate Professor (tenured), a probationary Associate Professor (with early eligibility for tenure at Western) or an Assistant Professor who is in the final years of a tenure-track appointment (probationary) in Health Information Sciences (HIS). Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The Faculty of Health Sciences has a teaching and research environment that is dynamic and highly collaborative, with four signature research areas ([FHS strategic research plan](#)) in mobility, social determinants of health/health equity, health information and technology, and changing health services, systems and policy. The Faculty of Information and Media Studies conducts research and offers programs in the areas of information, media and technology systems, histories, and practices to understand the role of media and information in democratic processes and the social and cultural determinants of power and agency.

The [HIS Program](#) is a well-established graduate program offered jointly by the two Faculties. The program sits at the intersection of the two Faculties' missions and supports innovative research, teaching, and knowledge transfer/ mobilization. The HIS program provides students with fundamental knowledge about human health and its sociotechnical contexts; health organizations and health care delivery in Canada and globally; health informatics; and the impacts of digital technologies on individual and social health.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to growing collaborations among researchers within the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Information & Media Studies. The successful candidate will have demonstrated excellence in research that incorporates knowledge and methods from health information science and related fields to identify, research, and analyze critical issues related to the convergence of health, information, technology, and culture. These areas of inquiry may include but are not limited to: health information science, including critical analysis of health mis- and dis-information, online health information spaces, and health and social media; science and technology studies (STS) with a focus on digital health technologies; health informatics; health communication and knowledge translation in a digital context; information ethics and policy in clinical health care; and/or health equity. Prior experience or ability to deliver graduate level content in one or more of the following domains would be beneficial: health informatics, digital health studies, or knowledge translation.

The successful candidate will hold a PhD and will have a background in a health-related discipline such as Health Sciences/Studies, Nursing, Kinesiology, or Rehabilitation Sciences and/or in Library and Information Science, Communications, Media Studies, Sociology, or Science and Technology Studies (STS). The joint appointment will be in a School in the Faculty of Health Sciences (Kinesiology, Health Studies, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or Communication Sciences and Disorders) and in the Faculty of Information & Media Studies. The successful candidate will have a record of research that comprises external funding, peer-reviewed publications, and national/international exposure through invited lectures and/or conference symposia as appropriate for their discipline and career stage. Evidence of leadership would be beneficial. In short, the successful candidate will be an academic with demonstrated teaching and research activity, creativity, and leadership ability. The successful candidate will also be expected to take on a leadership role as Graduate Program Chair in Health Information Science.

The candidate may benefit from interactions with Western's Research Centres and Institutes including but not limited to: the [Centre for Research on Health Equity and Social Inclusion](#), the [Rotman Institute of Philosophy](#), and the newly forming Center for Digital Justice and Democracy. In addition to research and scholarly activity, the candidate will be engaged in teaching in the Health Information Sciences graduate program.

Western has a full-time enrolment of approximately 32,000 in a range of academic and professional programs. With annual research funding exceeding \$220 million, and an international reputation for success, Western ranks as one of Canada's top research-intensive universities. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western also provides an exceptional employment experience, offering competitive salaries, a wide range of employment opportunities and one of Canada's most beautiful campuses. Western's Recruitment and Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applicants and their families.

Western University recognizes that our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion is central to the University's mandate as a research-intensive institution of higher learning and a community leader. Western understands that our pursuit of research excellence and our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion are mutually supporting. The successful applicant will show evidence of contributing to equity, diversity, and inclusion in academia.

The anticipated start date is July 1, 2023. Interested applicants are invited to submit a complete application package, **as a single PDF file**, containing the following:

- [Application for Full-Time Faculty Position form](#)
- Cover letter (highlighting fit within both Faculties and research entities at Western)
- A detailed curriculum vitae
- A statement on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion in relation to their teaching and research
- A brief description of the candidate's current research program, past accomplishments, and future plans
- Links to representative publications
- the names and contact information of three references

The application package can be submitted via email to:

Drs. S. Jayne Garland and Lisa Henderson
Search Committee Co-Chairs
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The deadline for receipt of applications is September 26, 2022.
Please quote number HS-243 on all correspondence for this position.

Effective September 7, 2021, all employees and visitors to campus are required to comply with Western's [COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#).

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 peoples, 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 Wanda Chebott, Executive Assistant to the Dean of Health Sciences at wechebot@uwo.ca or 519-661-4239.

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