



**SCHOOL of KINESIOLOGY**  
*is seeking outstanding candidates for the*  
**FRANK HAYDEN ENDOWED CHAIR in SPORT and SOCIAL IMPACT**

Applications are invited from exceptional candidates for the position of the **Frank Hayden Endowed Chair in Sport and Social Impact**, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences, effective July 1, 2025, or as negotiated. Ideally, the successful applicant will be appointable at the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor with tenure. Salary and rank commensurate with qualifications and experience. The successful candidate will contribute to the vision of the school as a global leader in research and education through a multidisciplinary approach to kinesiology.

The Chair will be a recognized scholar whose research will address the role of sport in contributing to social change for those with intellectual disabilities. The focus on the social impact of sport/physical activity aligns with the Faculty of Health Sciences research pillars of social inclusion, health equity, and mobility. Through the development of an interdisciplinary research program, the Chair will collaborate with other scholars, graduate trainees, and partner organizations to build a team to investigate sport/physical activity participation for all persons, with emphasis on those with intellectual disabilities. The Chair will be expected to maintain an externally funded research program, support graduate trainees, and demonstrate innovative approaches for research with persons with intellectual disabilities.

The Chair will also work closely with Special Olympics Canada and contribute to a knowledge hub that brings together research on intellectual disability, and support knowledge translation for Special Olympics communities, athletes, families, and supporters. This will help support the collective impact of the Special Olympics movement and generate greater capacity to deliver on the vision of enriching the lives of Canadians with intellectual disabilities through sport.

The successful candidate will have a PhD in Kinesiology or a related field, have demonstrated excellence in research and research leadership, and a demonstrated record of external research funding. The candidate ideally will have established proficiency in developing and teaching courses in traditional and flexible learning environments. The successful candidate will also be expected to participate in relevant service to the School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences, University and work closely with Special Olympics Canada.

The [School of Kinesiology](#) in the [Faculty of Health Sciences](#) at Western University promotes the benefits of physical activity and sport to society by providing a multidisciplinary approach to discovery, dissemination, and application of related knowledge and outcomes. The School of Kinesiology is committed to building a diverse and inclusive community where members from all backgrounds can live, learn, and thrive together. We work towards constructing a dynamic, supportive space that integrates principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, decolonization, and accessibility among all members. Kinesiology is home to the [International Centre for Olympic Studies](#) (including Paralympic and Special Olympics), and the [Sport and Social Impact Research Group](#). Kinesiology at Western is ranked 26th in the world for Sport Related Subjects (QS 2023). The School of Kinesiology champions three research clusters focusing on Physical Activity and 1) Brain Health, 2) Mobility, and 3) Social Impact with strong links to Faculty Research Centres in Activity and Aging, and Health Equity and Social Inclusion.

The School of Kinesiology is committed to the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in research, teaching, and service. The successful candidate will contribute to the ongoing work that considers how intersecting relationships of power shape individuals, groups, cultures, and ways of knowing. Their teaching and research will demonstrate potential for meaningful engagement with, and be inclusive of, students from equity-owed communities. The successful candidate will also be expected to participate in relevant service to the School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences, and the University, and have a demonstrated capacity to contribute substantively to an inclusive and diverse academic community.

Situated along the banks of the Thames River in picturesque London, Ontario, a thriving city with a population of approximately 530,000, Western University is a prominent academic institution routinely ranked as a top research-intensive university in Canada and is committed to excel as a leading research institution internationally. Western University has a full-time enrollment of about 32,000 students in a range of academic and professional programs. General information about Western can be found at <https://www.uwo.ca/>

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 that outlines their interest and qualifications for the role, and a statement on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Decolonization, and Accessibility in relation to their academic activities
- Statement of research accomplishments and a proposed 5-year plan
- Curriculum vitae
- Names and contact information of three academic referees

The application package can be submitted via email to:

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**The deadline for receipt of applications is November 19, 2024.  
Please quote number HS-278 on all correspondence for this position.**

*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 Dr. Laura Misener, Director, School of Kinesiology at [kin.director@uwo.ca](mailto:kin.director@uwo.ca).*

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