



FACULTY POSITION

Assistant or Associate Professor School of Physical Therapy

[The Faculty of Health Sciences](#) at Western University invites applications for appointment of an Assistant (probationary tenure-track) or Associate (tenured) Professor in the [School of Physical Therapy](#) with academic responsibilities in research, teaching and service in the area of practice of Upper Extremity Health and Rehabilitation. Qualified applicants must have a PhD or equivalent in a related field and be eligible for licensure with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, with post-doctoral research experience considered an asset. Applicants will have expertise and a strong record of achievement in research related to upper extremity health and rehabilitation relative to their career stage. The successful applicant will establish and maintain an externally-funded research program, teach in the Advanced Health Care Practice [Upper Extremity Rehabilitation field](#) and the [Master of Physical Therapy \(MPT\) Program](#) within the School of Physical Therapy, and supervise graduate students in the Faculty of Health Sciences graduate programs. The successful applicant will also have a demonstrated capacity to contribute substantively to an inclusive and diverse academic community. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The effective date of the appointment is July 1, 2026, or as negotiated.

The School of Physical Therapy is a research-intensive unit with innovative professional and graduate programs. The Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) program at Western is dedicated to being internationally recognized for excellence, leadership and innovation in Physical Therapy education, practice, and research through dedicated clinical, academic, research and professional partnerships. The program prepares students to seek licensure to practice physiotherapy in Canada in a wide range of practice settings. The School of Physical Therapy leads three fields of study in the Master of Clinical Science in Advanced Healthcare Practice program including: Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy, Interdisciplinary Pain Management, and Sport and Exercise Medicine; and partners in the Upper Extremity Rehabilitation field - a fully online interprofessional advanced practice program, that provides face-to-face mentorship and that is mapped to the Certified Hand Therapist exam. The School of Physical Therapy also leads the Physical Therapy Field in the MSc and PhD programs in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, including the combined MPT/PhD program.

Physical Therapy research aligns well with Faculty and University strategic investments, including Western's [Bone and Joint Institute](#) and [Western Institute for Neuroscience](#). The School has three research Chairs and has strong clinical and academic partners within the London community with international recognition for research (e.g., St Joseph's Health Care London and the Roth I McFarlane Hand and Upper Limb Centre and The Gray Centre for Mobility and Activity at Parkwood Institute). The School also has active research links with the four Research Centres in the Faculty, including the [Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging](#), the [Centre for Research in Health Equity and Social Inclusion](#), the [National Centre for Audiology](#), and the [International Centre for Olympic Studies](#).

The applicant will have the opportunity to collaborate within The Roth | McFarlane Hand and Upper Limb Centre (HULC) - a world-renowned centre of excellence in education and research focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of patients with complex neuromusculoskeletal conditions affecting hands, wrists, elbows, and shoulders situated within St Joseph's Health Care Centre. The HULC has specialized upper extremity surgeons and therapists including multiple clinician-scientists who are scientists within The Lawson Research Institute. HULC has internal research labs including three on-site (Lawson) engineering labs and a (HULC) Clinical Research Lab.

Western, like many postsecondary institutions in Canada, is moving beyond the sole reliance upon Indigenous self-identification in hiring designated Indigenous roles to safeguard against use of incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information regarding claims of Indigenous identity. Candidates who are invited for an interview will be asked to have their claim to Indigenous identity (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) affirmed through a relational accountability process, led by the Office of Indigenous Initiatives (OII), that is consistent with Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing. Please contact the OII directly for details on the affirmation processes: <https://indigenous.uwo.ca/>.

[Western University](#) delivers an academic experience second to none. Western challenges the best and brightest faculty, staff, and students to commit to the highest global standards. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western attracts individuals with a broad worldview, seeking to study, influence, and lead in the international community. Since 1878, The Western Experience has combined academic excellence with life-long opportunities for intellectual, social, and cultural growth to better serve our communities.

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
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of teaching experience
- Statement of clinical experience in upper extremity rehabilitation
- Statement of research accomplishments, program of research with a proposed five-year plan
- Statement on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization in relation to their research and teaching
- 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 December 8, 2025
Please quote HS-293 on all correspondence.

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. Siobhan Schabrun. sschabru@uwo.ca

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