ACADEMIC POSITION: Academic Nuclear Medicine Physician

The Department of Medical Imaging, Division of Nuclear Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, at Western University, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph’s Health Care London is seeking a Nuclear Medicine Physician for a full-time clinical academic appointment to Western University. Rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor) and appointment status (limited term or continuing) will be determined by experience and qualifications at the time of appointment.

The Division of Nuclear Medicine at Western University is an integrated city-wide specialty practice across the three Hospital sites; University Hospital (UH) and Victoria Hospital (VH), collectively known as the London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), and St. Joseph’s Health Care London (St. Joseph’s). As the only Academic Health Sciences Centre in the second largest Local Health Integration Network in Ontario, the Division provides multiple regional services to a population of >2M.

Position Profile: The successful candidate will take an active role in the City-Wide Nuclear Medicine Division and must be dedicated to outstanding quality in clinical operations, demonstrate leadership, teaching, and research abilities. The successful candidate will be a well-rounded Nuclear Medicine Physician; will have completed a Fellowship in Therapy/Theranostics and will join an expanding therapy program. As Theranostics is a signature program in London, prior experience in Clinical Oncology/Radiation Oncology would be an asset. The candidate must have an interest in Academic Nuclear Medicine and will need to be committed to outstanding quality in clinical operations, patient care, teaching, and research. The academic component of this position is predominately located at LHSC – Victoria Hospital and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. Protected academic time 0.1-0.2FTE will be provided to support research and teaching. Details to be negotiated. Preference will be given to candidates who have additional sub-specialty training, and/or have demonstrated research output, and/or have administrative experience.

Nuclear Medicine Division: City-Wide Division Chair, Dr. Jonathan Romsa (jonathan.romsa@lhsc.on.ca)

The successful candidate will join a Division comprised of 6 Nuclear Medicine physicians who provide comprehensive and innovative Nuclear Medicine diagnostic and therapeutic services to the city of London and surrounding regions. There are excellent collaborations across all affiliated disciplines with frequent participation in multi-disciplinary rounds. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate successful team building skills in addition to the advanced diagnostic and therapy skills required for this position.

Key Clinical/Research programs include:

- Theranostics:
  - Thyroid Cancer: Nuclear Medicine provides a large regional clinic-based practice to a thyroid cancer population of greater than 1,000 active patients. The multi-centre database is populated with more than 9,000 patients and provides a rich source for outcomes-based research.
  - Regional Systemic Radionuclide Therapy Program: London has Canada’s longest continuously active systemic radionuclide therapy program, the most extensive experience in Neuroendocrine Therapy (including Lu-177 dotatate) and is developing expertise in other theranostic pairings including F18-PSMA/Lu-177-PSMA. Comprehensive patient databases have been established for each project.

- Cardiac Hybrid Imaging: The Division of Nuclear Medicine directs an academic cardiac hybrid imaging program inclusive of coronary CT angiography and myocardial perfusion imaging, supervised and reported by Nuclear Medicine physicians with a comprehensive database of >7,000 patients that provides a rich source for outcomes-based research.
Clinical Research Unit (CRU): The CRU consists of 3 dedicated full time research staff and a Nuclear Physicist/Basic Scientist who support a strong collaborative clinical research program with Oncology, Cardiology, Neurology, Diagnostic Radiology, Imaging Sciences and other clinical and basic science departments.

Educational programs include:

- Nuclear Medicine Resident Training and Fellowship Programs: London has Canada's largest post graduate Nuclear Medicine training programs, which are developed through the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University. London has been the training site for many current and future Canadian and international leaders in Nuclear Medicine.

Imaging Infrastructure: The City-wide fleet includes PET/CT and PET/MR with a cyclotron and a radiochemist, multiple SPECT/CT units and DXA. The renewal of the City-wide computed tomography fleet is in progress with installation of five (5) wide-volume clinical CT units with 16cm coverage in a single rotation all with cardiac imaging capability. NM faculty participate in performing and reading of Cardiac CT studies. An identical wide volume research CT scanner has been installed to facilitate research-clinical translation.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will hold a MD degree and be able to obtain an Independent Certificate of Registration in Nuclear Medicine with the College of Physician and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO). Candidates will need to meet the current credentialing requirements of LHSC and St. Joseph’s Health Care London, including ensuring membership with the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA). Fellowship training completion in Nuclear Medicine Therapy/Theranostics is required. The successful candidate will be proficient in spoken and written English, a self-starter, team player and be willing to participate in all aspects of academic activities including committee work, and imaging with on-call duties as required by the Chair/Chief of the Division.

Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to contact the City-Wide Nuclear Medicine Division Chair, Dr. Jonathan Romsa, (jonathan.romsa@lhsc.on.ca) for further details.

Compensation Details: Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The City: London, Ontario. London is Canada’s 11th largest city with a population over 400,000, a catchment area of 2 million people, and is situated in southwestern Ontario between Toronto and Detroit. The region has a diverse economy and excellent educational opportunities. It is a safe and diverse city and its numerous parks, trails, recreational, cultural and sporting opportunities make it an attractive place to live.

The University: Western University is a research-intensive university with full-time enrolment of about 34,000 students with a full range of academic and professional programs. The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry provides an outstanding educational experience within a research-intensive environment where tomorrow’s physicians, dentists and health researchers learn to be socially responsible leaders in the advancement of human health.

London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC): One of Canada’s largest acute-care teaching hospitals, LHSC is dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, and research. For more than 138 years, LHSC has provided patient care for the people of London, the region, and beyond. Many national and international medical breakthroughs have been pioneered at LHSC, to the benefit of patients locally and around the world including the first liver transplant in Canada. LHSC is home to a strong established surgical program, the regional trauma center, and the London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP), a world class cancer care facility that provides comprehensive care to oncology patients from across Southwestern Ontario. LHSC has a long history of excellence in Nuclear Medicine therapy, including Thyroid Cancer and Neuroendocrine Tumours.
London Nuclear Medicine Associates (LNMA): A small close-knit dedicated and passionate physician team providing comprehensive nuclear medicine services, LNMA is guided by the values of Teamwork and Collaboration, Continuous Quality Improvement, Respect for All, Innovation and Advancement, and Leading with Excellence. LNMA strives to deliver academic and clinical excellence and achieve superior patient outcomes through impactful and innovative patient care, research, and education.

Research: The Department of Medical Imaging supports and encourages opportunities to engage in imaging related research with the Robarts Research Institute (www.robarts.ca) and Lawson Health Research Institute (www.lawsonresearch.ca), in association with Western University and Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

To Apply: Qualified candidates must complete, sign, and include the online application form at: http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/careers/pdf/application-full-time-clinical.pdf. Applications must include the completed online application form, a letter of interest indicating the Nuclear Medicine position, statement of academic qualifications and career goals, highlights of accomplishments, curriculum vitae, the names and addresses of three references and be submitted to:

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin after September 17, 2022 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2023 or as negotiated.

Effective September 7, 2021, all employees and visitors to campus are required to comply with Western’s COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. Successful candidates will be also required to comply with the policies and protocols of the applicable affiliated institutions.

Business Address:
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- London Health Sciences Centre, 800 Commissioners Road E., London Ontario, N6A 5W9, www.lhsc.on.ca

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 Kelsey Klages at Kelsey.Klages@lhsc.on.ca

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