The Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, at Western University and London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph’s Health Care Centre are seeking a Clinical Academic Geriatrician to lead the Division of Geriatric Medicine.

The Division of Geriatric Medicine currently has 12 members with 2 vacant academic appointments. The Division members serve as the Most Responsible Physician (MRP) for the acute care Clinical Teaching Unit (CTU) called the ACE (Acute Care of the Elderly) Unit as well as for the 30 bed GRU (Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit) and the 24 bed Special Care Unit (SCU) at St. Joseph’s Parkwood Institute (PI). The SCU is a Veteran’s Care unit for veterans with dementia and challenging behaviour. In ambulatory care, the Division oversees the Day Hospital at PI, and provides out-patient clinic assessments for seniors with syncope, falls, multi-comorbidity, frailty, and dementia. On site at the PI campus are the Divisions of Cognitive-Behavioural Neurology, Geriatric Psychiatry, and the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Research interests of the Division include falls and syncope, gait, cognition, treatment of dementia, delirium as well as quality improvement initiatives. Clinical educator/teachers in the division have won local and national awards. Medical education including undergraduate curriculum development is a strength of the division.

As part of the Province of Ontario’s Regional Geriatric Program, the Division of Geriatric Medicine is the lead site for the SWORGP (Southwestern Ontario Regional Geriatric Program), and its regional programs with currently 2 community geriatricians. The academic Chair of the Division serves also as the Director of the SWORGP and is responsible for the negotiation of the group’s APP (Alternate Practice Plan) contract which includes the SWORGP community geriatricians. Geriatric Medicine’s role in the region is to provide clinical outreach services to local areas as well as to promote geriatric care in the region and recruit both academic and community geriatricians.

Included in the Division Chair/Chief’s portfolio is the organizational leadership role of Chair/Chief of the Division of Geriatric Medicine for Parkwood Institute of St. Joseph’s Health Care London (SJHC). As Chair/Chief of the Division of Geriatric Medicine, this individual will attend monthly meetings of the Parkwood Institute Executive, meeting with various levels of PI leadership as well as with the Departments of Family Medicine and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. The Chair/Chief of the Division of Geriatric Medicine meets regularly with the Director of the Specialized Geriatric Services Program (SGS) to co-manage the changing needs and align deliverables of all of the in-patient and out-patient programs that the Division and the hospital supports.

The candidate must have experience in academic medicine as a consultant at the Associate rank or higher with proven achievement in research and/or education and evidence of academic or hospital leadership. Applicants should be certified, or eligible for certification, in Geriatric Medicine by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or equivalent. Candidates must have an MD, or equivalent, and must be eligible for licensure by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in the province of Ontario. The successful candidate will hold a Limited-term academic appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or a Continuing academic appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor depending on qualifications and experience. Information about the
The candidate is expected to participate in the clinical work of the Division which is assigned based on the Academic Role Category and academic deliverables agreed upon by the individual, the Division and the Department of Medicine Chair. The successful candidate will also have a commitment to and demonstrated aptitude for teaching, and will be expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and supervise students/trainees of all levels.

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University is one of Canada’s preeminent medical and dental schools. Established in 1881, it was one of the founding schools of Western University and is known for being the birthplace of family medicine in Canada. For more than 130 years, the School has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and a passion for scientific discovery. Throughout its history, Schulich Medicine & Dentistry has helped educate generations of physicians, dentists, scholars and scientists whose collective work has transformed the practice of medicine and dentistry, here in Canada and around the world. Faculty, students, and alumni continue to fulfill their responsibilities as global leaders by sharing their knowledge and expertise for the benefit of all.

Western University is located in London, Ontario, with a metropolitan census of 515,000. London boasts an extensive educational and health care community including three teaching hospitals, two research institutes, an Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) node, and an academic health sciences network across Southwestern Ontario. With full time enrollment of 32,000, Western graduate students from a range of academic and professional programs. Details about Western University’s Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry may be found at www.schulich.uwo.ca; Western University at www.uwo.ca; London Health Sciences Centre at www.lhsc.on.ca; and St. Joseph’s Health Care at www.sjhc.london.on.ca.

Consideration of applicants will include an assessment of previous performance, qualifications, including qualifications which go beyond the requirements for the position, and experience. Compensation for this position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be primarily composed of a competitive alternative funding and payment plan, and academic salary.

Those interested in applying for this position should forward a Letter of interest/ Statement of Academic Qualifications, Curriculum Vitae, the names and contact information for three (3) references who have worked with the applicant over the last two (2) years and at least one (1) referee must hold a leadership appointment. The applicant should also complete, sign and include the application form available through this link: https://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/careers/pdf/application-full-time-clinical.pdf in order to complete the application package. All documentation should be submitted to the:
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin after September 9, 2022. Anticipated start date January 1, 2023 or as negotiated.

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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.

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 DOMChair@lhsc.on.ca

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