

Alice Munro Chair in Creativity

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities at **Western University (The University of Western Ontario)** invites applications or nominations for the **Alice Munro Chair in Creativity**. The **Alice Munro Chair in Creativity** will recognize and honour our Nobel laureate, inspire students, build diverse cultural communities within the university and beyond, and foster creative expression of all kinds. The Faculty of Arts and Humanities welcomes nominations of and applications from creative practitioners of national and international stature including but not limited to creative writers, filmmakers, visual artists or performing artists.

Alice Munro is counted among Western University's most extraordinary alumni. Her first connection to the Department of English came in 1949, when she entered Western as an undergraduate pursuing an English major and shortly thereafter achieved her first publication in a campus literary magazine, *Folio*. In 1974, she served as the third Writer-in-Residence in Western's Department of English, and in 1976, Western University recognized Munro's remarkable literary achievements with an honorary degree, the only such honour she has ever accepted. In October 2013, Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature as a "master of the contemporary short story."

The Alice Munro Chair in Creativity will be a full-time, one- to three-year Limited Term appointment, with an academic rank commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications. The position will reside in the Department of English and Writing Studies, or as a joint appointment with English and Writing Studies and another department in the Faculty, as appropriate. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain their own creative practice and to contribute to the teaching mission of the Faculty. The appointment will be made in accordance with the relevant University policies. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position will commence on July 1, 2024 or as negotiated. The **Alice Munro Chair in Creativity** will:

- Lead the creative culture of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, serving as a mentor and a model;
- Participate in graduate and/or undergraduate teaching;
- Focus on the production of creative work, alongside a study of creativity;
- Assume a leadership role between the University and the local creative community;
- Allow the University to enhance and expand the Writer-in-Residence program;
- Provide the University with access to a world of writing and artistic creation beyond Canada, allowing the University to attract international authors and artists as speakers and collaborators;
- Present the annual Alice Munro Lecture on Creativity.

With a full-time enrolment of 32,000, Western University is a leading research-intensive university with a full range of academic and professional programs, situated on one of Canada's most beautiful campuses. General information about Western can be found at www.uwo.ca. The university campus is in London, Ontario, a thriving city of 400,000 people, located midway between Toronto and Detroit. With parks, river valleys, tree-lined streets and bicycle paths, London is known as the "Forest City" and boasts galleries, theatre, music and sporting events, and an international airport (see www.ledc.com). Western's Recruitment and Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applicants and their families.

Interested applicants should submit an "Application for Full-Time Faculty Position" form, available at <http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/careers/Faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf>, as well as a curriculum vitae, portfolio of creative work, a statement of teaching aspirations, a description of a creative project envisaged for the tenure of the position, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three potential referees, in confidence to:

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Applications may be submitted via mail, or electronically with "Alice Munro Chair Application" as the subject. Review of applications will begin on January 22, 2024 and will continue until the position is filled.

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 Joanne Gribbon at jgribbo2@uwo.ca.

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