Western University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, Faculty of Engineering. This is a tremendous opportunity to lead a renowned engineering school in the next exciting chapter of its 65-year history.

Western Engineering is known for its innovative curriculum and the opportunities it provides for joint-degree programs with all other Western Faculties, including the Ivey Business School and the Faculty of Law. Comprised of four Departments (Chemical & Biochemical, Civil & Environmental, Electrical & Computer, and Mechanical & Materials), the Faculty includes a student cohort of approximately 2,000 undergraduates, 420 Masters, and 270 PhD candidates, in addition to a full-time faculty complement of 105, and a full-time technical and support staff complement of 65. It is also home to the Centre of Engineering Leadership and Innovation, which promotes professional graduate attributes. Additionally, it is the administrative home of the School of Biomedical Engineering, an interdisciplinary initiative with Western’s Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and the Faculties of Health Sciences and Science. Our newly opened (2018) 100,000-square-foot Amit Chakma Engineering Building will transform how the Faculty delivers the Western Engineering Experience. For further information about the Faculty of Engineering, visit www.eng.uwo.ca.

With an enviable national reputation and an expanding international profile that ranks among the top 1% of universities world-wide, Western pushes the boundaries of pedagogical and scholarly excellence while setting a national standard for a student experience that is second to none. Western is a founding member of Canada’s U15, serves as a hub for more than 500 international research collaborations, and is recognized as one of Canada’s Top 100 Employers. There are over 38,000 students within Western’s 12 Faculties and Schools and three affiliated University Colleges. Approximately 4,000 faculty and staff work in partnership to deliver 400+ specializations, majors and minors, as well as innovative modular degree programs. For more information about Western and its strategic priorities, visit https://president.uwo.ca/strategic_planning/index.html

As Dean, you will champion academic and research excellence, working with faculty and colleagues across the University to drive and promote innovation, creativity, collaboration, risk-taking, discovery, and an exceptional student experience. Heading a leadership team of three Associate Deans, two Assistant Deans, and four Department Chairs, you will work together and be responsible for the development, coordination and implementation of its educational and research agenda. Working closely with the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), Decanal colleagues and other members of the University’s senior management team, as well as with the Advisory Council of Western Engineering, you will champion Western’s strategic plan and its efforts to be Canada’s destination of choice for the world’s brightest minds seeking the best learning experience at a leading Canadian research university.

As the ideal candidate, you are an established and respected engineering leader with a demonstrated record of scholarly and administrative achievement. You are a strategic thinker with the ability to identify, define and deliver on short-term and long-term goals. You have exceptional interpersonal skills and a strong record of building relationships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, industry partners, donors, community and government leaders. You will bring to the Faculty your creative ideas and a successful track record of increasing diversity in Engineering by recruiting women, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, and other diverse groups of people. You have demonstrated success as a leader in fundraising, alumni engagement, as well as increasing external research grants and industrial collaborations. You are a skilled communicator who encourages, inspires and mentors individuals and teams to achieve their full potential. You have strong sense of personal and professional ethics and practise integrity in all that you do. Commitment to and eligibility for registration as a Professional Engineer in Ontario is required.
Western is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lunaapeewak and Attawandaron peoples. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups / visible minorities, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, persons with any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression. Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process by contacting Jessa Chupik at jchupik@boyden.com.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority.

Consideration of candidates, by the search committee, will begin in early December 2018. For further information and the full executive briefing document, please contact Jessa Chupik and Spencer Covey at scovey@boyden.com.

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