



## **THE INSTITUTE FOR EARTH AND SPACE EXPLORATION at Western University**

*is seeking outstanding candidates for a*

### **DIRECTOR**

Western University in London, Ontario, Canada seeks applicants for Director of the Institute for Earth and Space Exploration (Western Space) (<https://space.uwo.ca/>). Applicants who can demonstrate outstanding leadership in research, training and outreach in the field of Earth and space exploration are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should hold a PhD or equivalent and be internationally recognized for research relevant to Earth and space exploration. The Applicant must have an outstanding record of peer-reviewed publications, research funding, supervision of trainees, and leadership of research teams. The successful candidate will hold an academic appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor with tenure (commensurate with qualifications and experience) in an appropriate Department and Faculty. The position will commence July 1, 2021 or as negotiated.

Reporting to the Vice President (Research), the Director will advance Western Space as an entity known internationally for its impact on research, training and knowledge mobilization across a range of specialties that include tools and technologies, basic science, and applied research, in accordance with the research vision and mission. Towards this goal, the Director will identify, and enable access to, opportunities that advance the Institute's research mission through the development of partnerships and fund-raising. Also, the Director will engage frequently with a Governing Board as well as internal and external Advisory Boards regarding strategy and vision. The Director will inspire research excellence among the researchers and programs, actively developing and establishing a process that develops impactful research teams and champions within the Institute. The Director will supervise the Institute's administrative staff in their support of its research mission. Also, the Director will join a transdisciplinary network of collaborative researchers in Western Space and will supervise graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, research technicians, and/or clinician-scientists as part of an individual research program.

The ideal candidate will have the following profile:

- Demonstrated scientific excellence in research related to Earth and space exploration
- Demonstrated research leadership involving financial oversight
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to build community among multiple stakeholders
- Ability to build effective teams of multidisciplinary researchers
- Ability to enhance campus efforts in equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonization (EDID)
- Ability to attract, establish and sustain internal and external partnerships that serve the research vision
- Willingness to engage and support fund-raising efforts

Western Space is the leading organization for Earth and space exploration research and training in Canada. The mission of the Institute is to lead in interdisciplinary research and innovation in Earth and space exploration, and to strengthen and grow the Canadian Earth and space exploration communities through inspiring research and through training of the next generation of scientists, engineers, social scientists and entrepreneurs. The Institute was established in June 2019 and builds on the foundation of the former Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration that was established in 2008. The Institute is home to 64 researchers from eight faculties and 19 departments.

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. General information about the University can be found at <http://www.uwo.ca>. The university campus is in London Ontario, a thriving city of 500,000 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 an international airport, galleries, theatre, music and sporting events (see <http://www.lecd.com/why-london>).

Potential candidates should forward, in confidence a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of interest that addresses the ideal candidate profile listed above, including a statement regarding equity, diversity, inclusion and

decolonization (EDID), as well as a statement of research experience and interests. For external candidates, the applicant should also complete *Application for Full-Time Position* at <http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/careers/Faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf> to:

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin on *April 1, 2021*.

*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/visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, 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 Aida Juodis: phone 519-661-2111 ext 89197.*

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