

THE ROTMAN INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

is seeking outstanding candidates for a

DIRECTOR

Western University in London, Ontario, Canada seeks applicants for the position of Director of the Rotman Institute of Philosophy. Applicants who currently hold an academic appointment at Western (tenured or continuing academic appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor) and who demonstrate outstanding leadership in research, training, and outreach in the field of applied ethics, philosophy of science, or other disciplines relevant to the [Rotman Institute mission](#) are encouraged to apply. Applicants should hold a PhD, MD, DDS, or equivalent with relevant professional designation or licensure. Candidates should also be recognized internationally for their research and contributions to knowledge mobilization activities that integrate scientific and philosophical analysis to address complex socially relevant questions. The successful candidate will hold a **Western Research Chair (Leadership)** and join an interdisciplinary network of collaborative researchers, clinician-scientists, postdoctoral fellows and/or graduate students for a 3 to 5-year term that is renewable once. An alternate workload arrangement may be negotiated with the Dean. The position will commence as soon as November 1, 2024, or as negotiated.

Reporting to the Vice President (Research), the Director will advance the Rotman Institute of Philosophy at Western University as an entity known internationally for its impact on complex and socially relevant issues through research and knowledge mobilization rooted in scientific and philosophical analysis. Towards this goal, the Director will identify, and enable access to opportunities that expand the Institute's research mission through the development of partnerships and fund-raising. The Director will engage regularly with the Governing Board and establish and/or work with the Institute's organizational structures regarding strategy and vision according to [Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures \(MAPP\) 7.9](#) and related guidelines. The Director will inspire research excellence and actively implement processes that mobilize and support interdisciplinary research teams within the Institute. The Director will be supported by the Institute's administrative team in implementing programs/activities. Also, the Director will be expected to lead their own research program as part of an interdisciplinary network of collaborative researchers in the Institute.

The ideal candidate will have some combination of the following attributes:

- Excellence in interdisciplinary research and training at all academic levels
- Research leadership experience including financial oversight, leadership of diverse research teams, and familiarity with the Tri-Council and other external funding sources
- Strong communication skills that foster relationships within and external to the academy
- Experience in building a community amongst multiple stakeholders
- Excellence in building effective teams of interdisciplinary researchers
- Commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonization (EDID)
- Ability to attract, establish and sustain diverse internal and external partnerships
- Experience engaging in fund-raising efforts

The Rotman Institute of Philosophy addresses complex and socially relevant questions through the integration of scientific and philosophical analysis, convening efforts that cross disciplinary boundaries. Founded in 2008 through a generous donation from the Rotman Family Foundation, the Rotman Institute became a Western Research Institute in 2021. The Institute has more than 50 faculty members whose research addresses multiple critical areas, including artificial intelligence, the foundations of physics and mathematics, public health policy, applied ethics, history and philosophy of science, research ethics, ecological philosophy, well-being, and philosophy of mind and cognitive science. The Rotman Institute offers programs to support interdisciplinary research such as seminars, reading groups, and think tanks that are all designed to foster interdisciplinary engagement for meaningful research contributions. Rotman Institute topic-specific events (e.g. philosophy of physics, pragmatism and philosophy, and AI and democracy) bring together Institute members, students, and external partners to broaden perspective, integrate unique expertise, and enhance collaboration for more relevance and impact.

Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a complete application package to Jann Paquette-Warren at jpaquet3@uwo.ca, in confidence, as a single PDF file containing:

- Cover letter that outlines the candidate's interest in and qualifications for the role – refer to ideal candidate attributes listed above (up to 3 pages)
- Curriculum vitae
- Names of 3 referees

ALL MATERIALS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE SEARCH COMMITTEE. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

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.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Kristina Fornelos at kfornelo@uwo.ca.

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