Chair/Chief of the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University, St. Joseph’s Health Care London, and London Health Sciences Centre, invite applications/nominations for the position of Chair/Chief of the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R).

The new Chair/Chief will have the vision to expand on the department’s strengths to integrate teaching, research, and current evidence in clinical practice in partnership with the University, the affiliated research institutes, and the academic hospital organizations. The new Chair/Chief will be a strong leader, administrator, and communicator, with the ability to advocate for the department’s mission and goals with its partners and the community. The candidate should be prepared to work collaboratively with basic and clinical scientists to build innovative, integrated, and translational research, which are identified signature areas in the strategic plans of the University and Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. Two of the seven areas of research excellence at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry are aligned with PM&R interests: Musculoskeletal Health and Neuroscience and Mental Health. A candidate with a strong track record of teaching and/or research accomplishments is desired.

The Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation has a long history of national and international accomplishments with excellence in many areas, including electromyography; neuromuscular disease; spasticity management; amputee rehabilitation; neurorehabilitation (including stroke, brain injury, and spinal cord injury); pain management (including interventional procedures); and evidence-based rehabilitation research. There are more than 600 inpatient admissions per year to our regional rehabilitation programs, serving a catchment area of approximately two million people.

The PM&R Department is comprised of 13 physiatrists (with growth potential) with a variety of expertise and knowledge. The full-time physiatrists interact extensively with affiliates in allied health, bioethics, and rehabilitation sciences. The hospital-based PM&R programs provide a comprehensive array of clinical inpatient, ambulatory, and community outreach care. The educational programs encompass teaching for undergraduate medical students and a postgraduate Royal College accredited residency program. Annual research funding within the Department totals within the range of $2-to-$3 million dollars.

The successful candidate must be an accomplished clinician with an MD or equivalent, be eligible for licensure in Ontario, and have specialty qualifications in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

The position is subject to a mid-term review and will have an initial 5-year term, normally renewable once. Academic rank will be based on qualifications and experience.

Western University delivers an academic experience second to none. Western challenges the best and brightest faculty, staff, and students to commit to the highest global standards. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western attracts individuals with a broad worldview, seeking to study, influence, and lead in the international community. Since 1878, The Western Experience has combined academic excellence with life-long opportunities for intellectual, social, and cultural growth in order to better serve our communities.

Renowned for compassionate care, St. Joseph’s Health Care London (St. Joseph’s) is dedicated to helping people live to their fullest by minimizing the effects of injury, disease, and disability through excellence in care, teaching and research. Through the partnership with Lawson Health Research Institute and collaborative engagement with health and academic partners, St. Joseph’s has become an international leader in chronic disease management, specialized mental health care, rehabilitation, specialized geriatrics, and surgery. In 2020, St. Joseph’s established the Gray Centre for Mobility and Activity, a unique model bringing together scientists, clinicians, and academics to expand and advance mobility and activity treatment and promotion through innovation and discovery. The Gray Centre is located at St. Joseph’s Parkwood Institute, Southwestern Ontario’s regional provider of rehabilitation and recovery health care, and a national hub for treatment, research, and education in mobility and activity.
London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) is one of Canada’s largest acute-care, research-intensive academic hospitals. With nearly 15,000 physicians, staff, students, scientists, and volunteers, LHSC is regarded for its exceptional patient care and health-care advancement through innovative partnerships, teaching excellence, breakthrough research and a rich history of national and international medical firsts. As a significant acute care partner to St. Joseph’s, LHSC plays an integral role in the delivery of physical medicine. Together, we draw from a longstanding collaborative and integrated relationship to seamlessly deliver the fulsome continuum of care – from acute to rehab – to patients in the southwest region and beyond.

Fully affiliated with Western University and the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, St. Joseph’s and LHSC collectively support the training of more than 1,800 health-care professionals per year. Both St. Joseph’s and LHSC are known as integral parts of the London community, offering compassion and state-of-the-art care for the patients they serve.

Interested candidates should submit an application including a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three references, and please ensure that the form available at: http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/physicians/Application_FullTime_Clinical.pdf is included with your application to:

Dr. John Yoo, Dean &
Dr. William Sischek, Integrated Vice President of Medical and Academic Affairs
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University
London, Ontario N6A 5C1, FAX: (519) 850-2357; selection.committee@schulich.uwo.ca

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applicants will begin ongoing. The anticipated start date is to be negotiated.

Business Addresses:
Western University, 1151 Richmond Street, N., London, Ontario N6A 5B8, www.uwo.ca
London Health Sciences Centre, 800 Commissioners Road E., London Ontario, N6A 5W9, www.lhsc.on.ca

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 Selection Committee Coordinators at selection.committee@schulich.uwo.ca phone 519-661-2111 ext. 88141.

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 affiliated partners, which are not Western policies.

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