

Candidate Statements

Academic Staff Pension Board Election - May 2025

(ONE to be elected)

The following faculty members have been nominated to fill one vacant, partial-term position from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, on the Academic Staff Pension Board. The statements of candidates have been included below.

AGARWAL, Ankush

I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences. Previously, I held the same role at the Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow (UK), where I led the Centre for Economic and Financial Studies for five years, and a consulting project on modelling optimal insurance buy-out timing for the University's DB pension plan. My research focuses on mathematical finance, especially pension risk management, with publications in top journals on portfolio management, goals-based investing, longevity modelling, and mortality risk. I collaborate regularly with industry partners including Bloomberg Research, Tesco Bank, BNP Paribas, and Société Générale.

HOCKE, Volker

After I graduated from residency as a psychiatrist I became Chief of Staff at the Saxonian Hospital for Psychiatry and Neurology Grossschweidnitz, Germany. In 2009 I relocated to London ON and continued my career as a consultant psychiatrist and Associate Professor at LHSC and Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. Additionally, I was leading the program as the City-Wide Site Chief at LHSC for one year and was the Chair of the Royal College PER route B psychiatry assessment board for four years till 2019. Currently, I am the Chair of the General Psychiatry Division, a member of the Finance Management Committee, and the Chair of the PG Internal Review Committee of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. I am self-educated in managing my retirement assets and understanding investment options in the stock market.

ODEGAARD, Fredrik

I am a faculty member in the Management Science area group at the Ivey Business School. Since joining in 2007 I have taught and developed courses across our undergraduate and graduate programs (including MSc, MBA, and PhD). My main research focus is within Business Analytics and the application of mathematical modeling for business decision making, in particular with respect to Revenue Management. I maintain an active research profile, including continuously publish in peer-reviewed journals, chair sessions and present at international conferences, supervise PhD students and Post Doc researchers, successful grant writing, ad hoc reviewer for journals, etc. I have supported both Ivey Business School and Western University through various service roles, including P&T Committee, Search Committee, chair of PhD Thesis Examinations, and more. Externally I have been very involved with the Canadian Operational Research Society (CORS), including serving as the President and twice organizing and chairing the annual CORS conference. My CV is available here: <https://sites.google.com/view/fredrikodegaard/>