CALL FOR 2020-2021 POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATE

The Department of Philosophy at Western University invites applications for a Postdoctoral Associate in the area of ethics and artificial intelligence (AI). The successful applicant will be required to conduct original research in the ethics of AI, preferably on bias and discrimination or on privacy and security. In addition, the Associate will contribute to the development and teaching of a course in this area, in collaboration with colleagues in computer science, math, statistics, and engineering at Western. The Associate will join a burgeoning community of scholars at Western who are doing interdisciplinary work on the social and ethical dimensions of AI.

The Department of Philosophy at Western is one of Canada’s leading philosophy departments. A research-intensive department that has over 60 graduate students, it is home to the Rotman Institute of Philosophy, the Centre for Digital Philosophy, and multiple research groups including ones in ethics, feminist philosophy, and political philosophy. The Associate will be expected to involve themselves in the intellectual life of the Department by participating in activities such as our seminar series, reading groups, and research groups. The teaching load will be one course in fall or winter term or one course in each of those terms.

There is a one-year term for the position and a start date of no later than September 1, 2020. Candidates must, at the time of appointment, have a PhD in Philosophy or a related field, along with adequate familiarity of scientific work on AI. The stipend is $45,000.

Review of applications will begin on March 30, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for this position, applicants must submit the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Research Statement (1 page)
- Teaching Statement (1 page)
- Writing Sample (6-8000 words)

Please submit these as a single pdf via email to Prof. Carolyn McLeod at cmcleod2@uwo.ca. The subject line of your email should read “Application Materials from [Full Name] (Postdoc Associate Application).”

After an initial review of application materials, candidates who are short-listed for the position will need to arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly by their referees to cmcleod2@uwo.ca. At least one letter should comment on the applicant’s teaching abilities.

Applicants should have fluent oral and written communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will
be given priority. Western University is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified people, including (but not limited to) women, visible minorities, Indigenous people, and people with disabilities.