Earl Russell Chair in Pain Management  
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry  
Western University  

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**Position Profile:** The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, at Western University, is inviting applications for the position of Earl Russell Chair in Pain Management. The successful candidate will take a leadership role as the Earl Russell Chair in Pain Management through their research program. Applicants should have: 1) familiarity with, and deep commitment to the treatment of pain 2) experience and expertise in working in an interdisciplinary setting 3) leadership skills and experience in creating an effective team to study pain, 4) well developed teaching and interpersonal skills, and 5) an accomplished research track-record in pain. The successful candidate will be appointed in the department that most appropriately fits their expertise with a potential cross appointment in a relevant basic science department.

**Academic and Clinical Expectations:** The candidate will have protected research time within the appointed department. Clinicians who have a devoted research commitment to studying pain, and fellowship training or clinical experience with treating pain patients, are encouraged to apply. Clinical duties and expectations to be determined by the clinical academic department.

**Qualifications:** The ideal candidate will have an MD or equivalent degree and will hold or be appointed at the rank of Associate or Full Professor with continuing (Clinical Academic) appointment, depending on qualifications and experience. The successful candidate will have completed a residency from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or equivalent and fellowship training in a field related to pain medicine. The candidate should have or be eligible for registration by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and should have or be eligible to attain active hospital privileges at London Health Sciences Centre and/or St. Joseph’s Health Care London.

**Compensation Details:** The Chair appointment is for a five-year period, with the possibility of renewal for one additional term pending review recommendation. Compensation will be based on qualifications and experience and will be composed primarily of the following sources: fee for service, alternative funding plan and academic support.

**The City:** London, Ontario is Canada’s 10th largest city with a population of 400,000, a catchment area of 2.4 million, and is situated in southwestern Ontario between Toronto and Detroit. The region has a strong economy and excellent primary and secondary school systems for residents with children. It is a safe and culturally diverse city. With parks, tree-lined streets and bicycle trails, London is known as the “Forest City”. London boasts an international airport, galleries, theatre, music, and sporting events. See [www.ledc.com/why-london](http://www.ledc.com/why-london) to learn more.

**The University:** Western University is a research-intensive university with full-time enrolment of 34,000 students and a full range of academic and professional programs. The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry provides an outstanding educational experience within a research-intensive environment where tomorrow's physicians, dentists and health researchers learn to be socially responsible leaders in the advancement of human health. Western has extensive strengths in neuroscience and a thriving graduate program in neuroscience that provided a foundation for the establishment of the Western Institute of Neuroscience in 2022. The successful candidate will have access to research facilities and state-of-the-art instrument cores at Western that have been supported through major recent investments. These facilities and cores include but not limited to, a Biomedical Research Facility for animal housing (opens in 2023), a Neurobehavioral Core, a Western Advanced Microscopy Core, a Centre for Functional and Metabolic Mapping that includes 3T up to ultra-high field MRI imaging, and a new containment level 3 facility for imaging pathogens for knowledge translation.

St. Joseph’s Health Care hosts a multidisciplinary pain clinic seeing over 1000 new patients each year while a robust functional neurological program is situated at the University hospital. Dedicated clinical services for pain
management include a multidisciplinary pain clinic and a functional neurosurgery program which both offer opportunities for patient recruitment to clinical studies.

With roots going back a century and a half, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) is one of Canada’s largest research-intensive acute tertiary and quaternary care teaching hospitals. Attracting top clinicians and researchers from around the globe, we excel in specialized care programs and services. As leaders in innovation and health system transformation, we advance health care for patients in Ontario, our nation, and the world.

To apply:
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin after August 1, 2023, with an anticipated start date of January 1, 2024, or as negotiated. Interested candidates should send a letter of intent that includes a) an overview of past research and description of proposed research plan, b) plan to build collaborations, networks, and knowledge translation locally and beyond, c) history and commitment to mentorship, d) statement on commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, along with a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three referees and also complete, sign and include the form at the following link: http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/physicians/Application_FullTime_Clinical.pdf to:

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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 accommodation for interviews or other meetings, please contact the Selection Committee at 519-661-2111 ext. 88141.