

**The Huntington Society of Canada Research Chair
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
Western University**

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Position Profile: The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University is seeking to bring in a successful candidate who will be a leader in neurodegenerative research to focus on finding new ways to prevent, identify and treat Huntington's disease. The Chair will be a national and/or international leader in neurodegenerative research with a particular focus on Huntington's disease. The successful candidate will be appointed to a full-time probationary (tenure-track) position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor or at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor with tenure. The rank and tenure status will be commensurate with the applicant's qualifications and experience. The successful candidate will be appointed in the Basic Science Department that most appropriately fits their expertise and the candidate will strongly be encouraged to establish a cross-appointment to a Clinical Department.

Academic Expectations: The successful applicant will have a research track-record in using models designed to discern the genetic, molecular, imaging and/or cellular mechanisms that underpin neurodegenerative diseases with a focus on Huntington's disease. The candidate may also have direct experience or collaborative experience working with Huntington's disease patients or patient samples. The successful candidate will have protected time for research.

Qualifications: For a Probationary appointment the successful candidate will have completed a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree and postdoctoral training in neurodegenerative diseases with preference given to candidates with a track-record of research into Huntington's disease. The candidate will demonstrate excellence or clear promise of excellence in research, including evidence of independent research leading to peer-reviewed publications and external funding. The candidate must have the potential for excellence in teaching and training of students at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels.

For a Tenured appointment, the successful candidate will have completed a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree with a highly accomplished track-record of excellence in research into Huntington's disease. The candidate will provide evidence of research impact through publications and the establishment of a thriving externally-funded research program. The candidate will also have demonstrated excellence in teaching and training of students at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels.

Compensation Details: The Chair appointment is for a five-year period, with the possibility of renewal for one additional term pending review recommendation. Compensation for this position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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 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, and an Imaging Pathogens for Knowledge Translation Facility.

To apply: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin after August 18, 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 a brief description of proposed research plan, b) history and commitment to education and mentorship, c) 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:

<https://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/full-time-application-form.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 accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Selection Committee at 519-661-2111 ext. 88141.

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