

**Canada Research Chair (CRC) Tier 2 in Trial Methodology & Implementation
Joint Probationary/Tenured (Assistant or Associate Professor)
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics & Department of Medicine
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
Western University**

Appointment Rank and Type:	Assistant Professor, Probationary or Associate Professor, Probationary or Tenured.
Number of Positions:	One
Posting Date:	February 23, 2026
Closing Date to Apply:	Consideration of applications will begin on March 27, 2026, and will continue until the position is filled.
Anticipated Start Date:	July 1, 2026 or as negotiated.
Vacancy Disclosure Statement:	This position is an existing vacancy.

Position Profile: The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at The University of Western Ontario invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Trial Methodology & Implementation. The successful candidate will be appointed to a joint full-time probationary (tenure-track) or tenured position. The rank and appointment type will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The successful candidate will be appointed to the [Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics](#) and the [Department of Medicine](#) with potential cross-appointment(s) in other relevant departments.

Randomized trial methodology requires specific knowledge on current methods to design and conduct studies to test the safety, efficacy and effectiveness of interventions using control groups, randomization, and oftentimes blinding to minimize bias. Trials may encompass varying randomized designs (e.g., individually randomized, cluster randomized, parallel, adaptive, factorial, pragmatic, registry-based, etc.) and interventions (drugs, diagnostic tests, technologies, devices, health services/quality improvement, implementation, prevention and behavioral changes, among others).

In accordance with the regulations set for Tier 2 Canada Research Chairs (www.chairs-chaieres.gc.ca), Tier 2 chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have less than 10 years of experience as an active researcher in their field at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process; please contact Research Development at The University of Western Ontario at ResearchWesternCRC@uwo.ca for more information. Please consult the Canada Research Chair website for full information, including further details on eligibility criteria. http://www.chairs-chaieres.gc.ca/program-programme/nomination-mise_en_candidature-eng.aspx.

The University of Western Ontario recognizes the potential impact that career interruptions can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. Potential candidates are encouraged to explain within their application the impact that career interruptions have had on their record, and to submit a full career or extended CV to a chairholder position in cases where they have had career interruptions.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will hold a PhD or equivalence with advanced training relevant to randomized trial methodology (e.g., epidemiology, clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, clinical research methodology, etc.) and demonstrated ability to both lead their own independent research program as well as collaborate with other researchers. It is expected that the candidate have a track record of involvement in the application of randomized trial methodology within specific domains (e.g., disease domains, classes of interventions/exposures, particular settings, etc.) and also have a track record of advancing methodology or application in areas with application to randomized trials (e.g., design methods, biostatistical methods, sampling methods, reporting methods). The successful candidate's research interests will be supported by existing expertise

in trial research across the two departments, including epidemiologists, biostatisticians, health economists, and clinician scientists. They should be a recognized early career national or international leader as exemplified by invited lectures and/or conference symposia as appropriate for their discipline and career stage. The successful candidate should also have demonstrated experience in teaching trial methodology and supervising graduate students. Demonstrated ability to secure career-stage appropriate external peer-reviewed funding (e.g., CIHR, NSERC, NIH, PCORI, European Union, etc.) and leadership roles in operations of randomized trials would be an asset. Successful candidates will have a record of incorporating equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonization (EDID) principles into their research, teaching and/or mentorship.

Compensation Details: The salary for this position will be \$135,000 - \$170,000, commensurate with qualifications and experience. This position includes a comprehensive benefits package. Further details can be accessed at: http://www.uwo.ca/hr/benefits/your_benefits/faculty.html.

Affirmation Policy Statement: Western, like many postsecondary institutions in Canada, is moving beyond sole reliance upon Indigenous self-identification in its hiring processes. This is to safeguard against the use of incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information in circumstances in which a candidate has made a declaration of Indigenous citizenship or membership. Candidates who are invited for an interview or who are short-listed, and who have made a declaration of Indigenous citizenship or membership for material advantage at Western, including where required or preferred for the position, will be asked to have their declaration of Indigenous citizenship or membership affirmed through a relational accountability process, led by the Office of Indigenous Initiatives (OII), that is consistent with Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing. Please contact the OII directly for details on the affirmation processes: <https://indigenous.uwo.ca/>. The policy can be viewed at: [POLICY 1.58 - Affirming Declarations of Indigenous Citizenship or Membership at Western University](#)

Departments: The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics has more than 120 faculty members including core, cross-appointed and adjunct members, and offers an Honors Specialization, Major and Minor Module at the undergraduate level as well as a PhD program and a thesis-based MSc program. Information on the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics' research programs, including clusters of substantive expertise and methodological approaches and disciplines, is available at: http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/epibio/research/research_clusters/index.html.

The [Department of Medicine](#) is the largest department within the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario. The Department has 270 full-time members representing fifteen academic Divisions and is responsible for more than 30 million dollars in annual research expenditures. The Department engages in undergraduate and postgraduate medical training of approximately 200 trainees in London, Windsor and throughout Southwestern Ontario. Department researchers are active in both clinical and basic research at the hospitals and their affiliated research institutes, including the Lawson Health Research Institute and Robarts Research Institute. The Department has strategically focused on academic excellence in research through the creation of programs such as the Program of Experimental Medicine (POEM), centres of excellence in translational and patient-oriented research, as well in medical education and innovation. Many investigators are world leaders in their respective fields of research.

The Faculty: The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Western University recognize that our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion is central to the University's mandate as a research-intensive institution of higher learning and a community leader.

The University: With an enviable national reputation and an international profile that ranks among the top universities world-wide, Western pushes the boundaries of pedagogical and scholarly excellence while setting a national standard for a student experience that is second to none. Western is a founding member of Canada's U15, serves as a hub for more than 500 international research collaborations, and is recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers. There are more than 38,000 students within Western's 12 Faculties and Schools and 3 affiliated University Colleges. Approximately 4,000 faculty and staff work in partnership to deliver 400+ specializations, majors, and minors, as well as innovative modular degree programs. For more information about Western's strategic priorities, visit Western Strategic Plan and Indigenous Strategic Plan and for information on Western's research areas please visit Research Western.

Western University recognizes that our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion is central to the University's mandate as a research-intensive institution of higher learning and a community leader. Western understands that our pursuit of research excellence and our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion are mutually supporting. As such, Western is committed to achieving and maintaining an equitable representation amongst our Canada Research Chair holders, as well as within Western's broader research enterprise.

The City: Western's campus is in London, Ontario, a city with a population of approximately 400,000, located midway between Toronto and Detroit. With an extensive park system, river valleys, tree-lined streets, and bicycle paths, London is known as the "Forest City". London has a reasonable cost-of-living and hosts an international airport, galleries, theatre, music, sporting events, and excellent restaurants.

To apply: Applications will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee and must include the following:

- A completed regular full-time faculty application form that can be found at the following link: (<https://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/full-time-application-form.pdf>).
- A cover letter addressing how your expertise fits this position and complements existing strengths at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
- A detailed curriculum vitae
- A plan identifying your proposed research program and most significant contributions to clinical research methods and implementation. In your statement, describe how your past contributions connect with your research plan and how your research plan will build research capacity at Western (up to five single-spaced pages, 1" margins and font size 12)
- A statement of your overall teaching and mentoring philosophies. This statement should include descriptions of past formal and informal mentorship experience, and plans for mentorship and training at Western (up to two single-spaced pages, 1" margins, font size 12). If available, summaries of teaching evaluations should be provided in addition to these two pages.
- A statement on how your track record and plans create an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment for research, teaching, and service (up to two single-spaced pages, 1" margins, font size 12)
- The names and email addresses of 3 academic referees.

The application package should be assembled into a **single PDF document** for submission to:

Addressed to:

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The successful candidate will be expected to apply for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in the first available competition after their appointment.

Western University reserves the right to review applicants to ensure eligibility for funding under applicable research policies.

The University of Western Ontario's Recruitment and Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applicants and their families.

Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communications 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 application and recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Darrell McNeil at Darrell.mcneil@schulich.uwo.ca.

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