The Department of Psychiatry, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) and St. Joseph’s Health Care London (St. Joseph’s) are seeking a compassionate, enthusiastic, and exceptional leader to be the Chair/Chief in the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry.

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University is one of Canada’s preeminent medical and dental schools. For more than 130 years, the school has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and a passion for scientific discovery. With annual research funding exceeding $220 million and an international reputation for success, Western ranks as one of Canada’s top research intensive universities. Attracting individuals with a broad worldview seeking to study, influence and lead in the international community, Western challenges the best and the brightest faculty, staff and students to commit to the highest global standards. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application.

LHSC, an acute care hospital, and St. Joseph’s rehabilitation mental health service, Parkwood Institute, together provide comprehensive care to a geographically extended population of approximately 1.6 million people across Southwestern Ontario.

The Department of Psychiatry is organized around four academic divisions including General Adult Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Forensic Psychiatry. The Department has internationally recognized strengths in psychosis, neuroimaging, mood and anxiety disorders, PTSD, aging, and developmental disabilities. Our faculty also engage in cutting-edge research across the age spectrum from non-pharmacological interventions for the elderly to early intervention for psychosis and mood and anxiety disorders, as well as in neuroimaging, trauma, neuromodulation, Indigenous health, homelessness, smart technology, consciousness, youth engagement, global mental health, substance usage, and epidemiology. We are committed to ensuring that our students, clerks and residents have the optimum learning and training experiences with opportunities to engage in both clinical and basic science research. We have three robust residency programs, General, Geriatrics, and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. The relationship between faculty and residents is strong and collegial.

The mandate of this exciting role is to provide visionary leadership and passion about high quality patient care and raise the research portfolio and profile. The successful candidate will have the ability to translate a strategic direction through planning, communication and organizational skills, while working collaboratively with hospital and academic partners.

The successful candidate will be a clinical academic and hold, or be able to obtain, a Limited Term Clinical Academic appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor, or a Continuing Clinical Academic appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor, commensurate with experience and track record and will have the capacity to mentor and inspire junior faculty.

A Division Chair/Chief must be certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and in the appropriate subspecialty or specialty; will hold an MD, or equivalent; have active privileges at London Health Sciences Centre & St. Joseph’s Health Care, London; be eligible for licensure in the Province of Ontario. The Division Chair/Chief must possess administrative experience, leadership and interpersonal skills; demonstrate evidence of formal leadership development and training or the willingness to participate in such programs; and demonstrate an academic track record as an educator and researcher.

Compensation will be based on qualifications and experience and may be composed primarily of the following sources: salary, fee for service, alternate funding plan, and academic support.

Western University is located on 1,200 picturesque acres along the banks of the river Thames in beautiful London, Ontario, a city of 530,000 located within a 2-hour drive from Toronto and Windsor, Ontario / Detroit, Michigan. London boasts an extensive educational and health care community including two research institutes, an Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) node, and an academic health sciences network across Southwestern Ontario. With full-time enrollment of 32,000, Western teaches graduate students from a range of academic and professional programs. Details about Western University’s Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry may be found at www.schulich.uwo.ca; Western University at www.uwo.ca; the Department of Psychiatry at https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/psychiatry/; London Health Sciences Centre at www.lhsc.on.ca; and St. Joseph’s Health Care at www.sjhc.london.on.ca.
Please submit your application, including curriculum vitae, statement of career goals, highlights of accomplishments, names and contact information for 3 references to the following:

Dr. Chandlee Dickey  
Chair/Chief and Professor, Department of Psychiatry  
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University  
London Health Sciences Centre and St Joseph’s Health Care London  
c/o HRPsychiatry@lhsc.on.ca

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin after March 1, 2021 with an anticipated start date of April 1, 2021 or as negotiated.

Please ensure that the form available at: http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/physicians/Application_FullTime_Clinical.pdf is completed and included in your application.

Business Addresses:  
Western University, 1151 Richmond Street N., London, Ontario N6A 5B8, www.uwo.ca  
London Health Sciences Centre, 800 Commissioners Road E., London, Ontario N6A 5W9, www.lhsc.on.ca  

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, including those with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact HRPsychiatry@lhsc.on.ca.

Posted on Faculty Relations January 25, 2021