

**Ophthalmologist – Surgical Retina Specialist**  
**Department of Ophthalmology, Ivey Eye Institute**  
**Western University**  
**St. Joseph's Health Care London, London Health Sciences Centre**

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**Ivey Eye Institute**

The Department of Ophthalmology at the Ivey Eye Institute of St. Joseph's Health Care London and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University invites applications for a full time clinical academic position in Ophthalmology with a Medical and Surgical Retinal Disease specialization.

The Ivey Eye Institute, which is the main referral center for eye disease in Southwestern Ontario, is committed to excellence in patient care, education, and research. Its operating and procedure rooms, teaching facilities, urgent eye clinic, orthoptic service and diagnostic service provide a sound foundation for the Institute's excellent reputation in all its activities. The specialists in the department are an integral part of the medical and surgical team, treating diseases and conditions of the eye for adults and children, and helping to diagnose general medical disorders.

**Position Profile**

The successful candidate will be a Clinician Teacher or Clinician Researcher and hold a Full-Time 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, depending upon experience and qualifications at the time of appointment. The Department of Ophthalmology is affiliated with London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care London and is presently comprised of 22 surgeons with busy clinical practices. The Department has a strong clinical and translational research interest and is an accredited Royal College training program.

**Academic and Clinical Expectations**

The position involves all aspects of team-based patient care, including the evaluation, management, and treatment of adult patients, and non-surgical pediatric patients. Full participation in the retina on-call schedule (1 in 5) is expected. The successful candidate must be interested in pursuing a strong academic career and will be expected to participate actively in the Department's academic, research and education initiatives including teaching and supervision of undergraduate students and postgraduate trainees. The position involves at least 35%-time commitment to research, education and/or administrative service activities in the Department, Hospital and/or the University dependent upon the appointment category. Applicants considered at the rank of Associate or Full Professor must have demonstrated the ability to publish in the highest quality academic and subspecialty outlets and be a recognized expert in their field of research.

## **Qualifications**

The successful candidate must have an MD or equivalent and have specialty certification in Ophthalmology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, be eligible for licensure in the Province of Ontario, and have completed training in or developed a focus of expertise that would be complimentary to the department's academic environment. Specifically:

1. Fellowship training in Medical and Surgical Retinal diseases.
2. Experience treating common and complex medical diseases including, but not limited to Age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusions, cystoid macular edema, posterior uveitis, endophthalmitis and inherited retinal diseases.
3. Experience treating common and complex surgical pathology including, but not limited to retinal detachments, macular surgery, vitreous hemorrhage, secondary intraocular lens surgery, diabetic retinopathy and intraocular foreign body removal.
4. Preference will be given to candidates with strong research interest, and/or an advanced degree (e.g., MSc, MPH, PhD). Preference will also be given to candidates with advanced training and interest in management of posterior uveitis, or pediatric retinal disease.
5. A strong interest in teaching and collaboration within the Retina Pod to expand and enhance clinical teaching & develop a "Retina curriculum" that includes specific exposure to uncommon conditions and procedures, as well as "bread and butter" Retina cases.
6. A keen interest in academic medicine including research, and teaching at the undergraduate and post graduate levels.
7. The ability to collaborate effectively with all other members of the health care team and department staff.

## **Compensation**

Compensation for this position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be primarily composed of the following sources: Fee for service (OHIP billings) and Alternative Funding Plan.

## **The City**

The University campus is in London, with a metropolitan census of approximately 530,000, located midway between Toronto and Detroit. London boasts an international airport, galleries, theatre, music and sporting events and is located close to several lakes and facilities for outdoor activities ([www.goodmovelondon.ca](http://www.goodmovelondon.ca)). Western's Recruitment and Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applicants and their families to the university and city.

## **The University**

Western University delivers an academic experience second to none. Western challenges the best and brightest faculty, staff, and students to commit to the highest global standards. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western attracts individuals with a broad worldview, seeking to study, influence, and lead in the international community. Since 1878, The Western Experience has combined academic excellence with life-long opportunities for intellectual, social, and cultural growth to better serve our communities.

Western University is a research-intensive university with full-time enrolment of about 34,000 students with 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.

## To Apply

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin immediately with an anticipated start to be negotiated. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and statement of academic qualifications, curriculum vitae, the names and addresses of three references, and also complete, sign and include the form from the following link:

[http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/physicians/Application\\_FullTime\\_Clinical.pdf](http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/physicians/Application_FullTime_Clinical.pdf)

Please send application documents to:

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For information regarding our Department and or the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, please visit our websites at [www.iveyeye.ca](http://www.iveyeye.ca) and [www.schulich.uwo.ca](http://www.schulich.uwo.ca)

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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 Scott McKinnon at: [scott.mckinnon@sjhc.london.on.ca](mailto:scott.mckinnon@sjhc.london.on.ca)*

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