Chair/Chief of the Department of Ophthalmology

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph’s Health Care London, invite applications/nominations for the position of Chair/Chief of the Department of Ophthalmology.

The new Chair/Chief must have demonstrated competency in scholarship and the vision to expand the strengths of integrated teaching and research programs of the department. They will have demonstrated leadership and be an excellent communicator able to advocate for the departmental mission and goals to its partners and to the community. They will have a track record of strong and inclusive leadership and the ability to create an inspiring team environment within the department. They will work collaboratively with both clinical scientists and clinicians to ensure we are delivering the best possible services for the communities we serve. A key deliverable for the Chair/Chief will be to create a positive and progressive environment through the identification of program strengths and weaknesses and the development of an action plan to address areas requiring more support or focus. The successful candidate will be a leader who embraces challenges and sees the value in making well-informed, thoughtful changes to ensure the continued growth of the program and the clinical team. The successful candidate must be an accomplished clinician, with a strong record of teaching, research, clinical service, and leadership, with an MD or equivalent and eligible for licensure in Ontario. Compensation will be based on qualifications and experience and will be composed primarily of the following sources: fee for service, alternate funding plan and academic support.

The position is subject to a mid-term review and will have an initial 5-year term, normally renewable once. Academic rank will be based on qualifications and experience.

The Department of Ophthalmology is encompassed by the Ivey Eye Institute to provide eye care for the community, together with our healthcare partners, and through education and research relating to all aspects in diagnosing and treating eye diseases. Our diagnostic and ophthalmic facilities, which are unique in the area, see approximately 114,000 patients per year and provide testing reports to referring physicians throughout the region. The educational programs include teaching for undergraduate medical students, postgraduate Royal College Accredited program in Ophthalmology and Fellowship programs. Today the Institute continues a leadership role in Southwestern Ontario and offers subspecialty care in all aspects of Ophthalmology. More information about the Department of Ophthalmology can be found at: https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/ophthalmology/.

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 in order to better serve our communities.

As one of Canada’s largest acute-care, research-intensive teaching hospitals, LHSC is dedicated to providing exceptional patient care while championing the spirit of health care advancement through teaching practices and breakthrough research. For 146 years, LHSC has been an integral part of the London community, offering compassionate care for its people, as well as those across the Southwestern Ontario region, and the world. National and international medical firsts have been pioneered at LHSC, including the discovery of vinblastine and the use of cobalt radiation, transforming the lives of people across the globe. Through full affiliation with Western University and agreements with over 30 educational institutions, more than 1,800 health care professionals pursue training opportunities each year at LHSC, acknowledging the opportunity to work alongside some of Canada’s top health scholars and practitioners. With more than 15,000 staff, physicians, and residents, LHSC is committed to achieving its vision of ‘Working together to shape the future of health’. More information about LHSC can be found at www.lhsc.on.ca.
Interested candidates should submit an application including a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three references, and please ensure that the form available at: http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/physicians/Application_FullTime_Clinical.pdf is included with your application to:

Dr. John Yoo, Dean &
Dr. William Sischek, Integrated Vice President of Medical and Academic Affairs
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University
London, Ontario N6A 5C1, FAX: (519) 850-2357; selectioncommittee@schulich.uwo.ca

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applicants will begin ongoing. The anticipated start date is to be negotiated.

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 with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Selection Committee Coordinators at selectioncommittee@schulich.uwo.ca phone 519-661-2111 ext. 88141.

Effective September 7, 2021, all employees and visitors to campus are required to comply with Western’s COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. Successful candidates will be also required to comply with the policies and protocols of affiliated partners, which are not Western policies.

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