The Department of Psychiatry, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, is inviting applications for a full-time clinical academic faculty position within the division of Forensic Psychiatry in our affiliated teaching hospitals, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph’s Health Care London. The Department seeks a colleague who is interested in being part of a dynamic team and committed to providing evidence-informed compassionate clinical care.

We are seeking an academic psychiatrist to work with our Forensic Psychiatry Program at St. Joseph’s. Opportunities for duties in assessment, treatment and rehabilitation, and outreach areas exist and can be negotiated. In addition, there are opportunities to participate in clinical research activities with many resources to foster career development. The successful candidate will be actively involved with the education of medical students and general psychiatry residents. The candidate must have record of relevant teaching experience with outstanding evaluations; have demonstrated expertise and/or experience in Forensic Psychiatry; with an ability to function and lead multidisciplinary teams. Obtaining Royal College certification in Forensic Psychiatry is an expectation.

The successful candidate must have proven academic and clinical skills in Psychiatry with significant training and experience in forensic psychiatry. Evidence of demonstrated excellence in education and a commitment to teaching including forensic sub-specialty residency training is required. The Forensic Division encourages activities in clinical/service development, teaching, and research. Leadership skills are a requirement to assist in strategic planning, capacity building and collaboration within teams, the department, and across the region. The desired candidate will embrace evidence-based practice and will thrive in an environment of continuous learning and education. Knowledge of, and dedication to, a recovery-oriented treatment philosophy is required. Successful candidates seeking research careers must have a record of productivity and eagerness to serve as a research career mentor for trainees. Further details about the Forensic Psychiatry Division can be found at http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/psychiatry/divisions_programs/forensic_psychiatry/index.html

The Department of Psychiatry is organized around four academic divisions including General 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 early intervention for psychosis and mood and anxiety disorders to non-pharmacological interventions for the elderly, as well as in neuroimaging, trauma, neuromodulation, Indigenous health, homelessness, smart technology, consciousness, youth engagement, and global mental health. 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.

St. Joseph’s Health Care London’s primary psychiatric site is Parkwood Institute, which serves as a regional rehabilitation resources for patients with serious and persistent mental illnesses. The Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care’s mission is to provide specialized assessment and treatment for people in contact with the criminal justice system. St. Joseph’s Hospital, Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care, and community clinics complete the St. Joseph’s family of facilities. London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) is comprised of Victoria Hospital, the main centre of our acute psychiatry services; University Hospital; and affiliated community teaching clinics. Children’s Hospital is physically located within LHSC. It provides local and regional care for children and adolescents with acute and more persistent mental health needs. The hospitals share a rich tradition of strong and close collaboration.

See details on the Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care and the Forensic Programs at - https://www.sjhc.london.on.ca/mental-health-care/programs-and-services/forensic-program

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.
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; Children’s Hospital at https://www.lhsc.on.ca/childrens-hospital/welcome-to-the-childrens-hospital and St. Joseph’s Health Care at www.sjhc.london.on.ca.

Rank (Assistant, Associate or Full Professor) and appointment status (limited term or continuing) will be determined by experience and qualifications at the time of appointment. Candidates must hold an MD or equivalent and be eligible for licensure in the Province of Ontario. Specialist certification in Psychiatry from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or an equivalent certification body is required.

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 May 10, 2021 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2021 or as negotiated.

Remuneration will be based on qualifications and experience and will be composed primarily on the following sources; fee for service, alternative funding plan, and academic support.

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
Parkwood Institute Mental Health, 550 Wellington Road, London ON N6C 0A7, www.sjhc.london.on.ca
Southwest Centre, 401 Sunset Dr, St Thomas, ON N5R 3C6, https://www.sjhc.london.on.ca/areas-of-care/mental-health-care/mental-health-care-forensic-program

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.

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