Chair/Chief, Department of Oncology

The Schulpich School of Medicine & Dentistry (Schulpich Medicine) at Western University (Western), London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) and St. Joseph’s Health Care London (St. Joseph’s) are seeking a Chair/Chief for the Department of Oncology. Together, the hospitals provide comprehensive care to a large and geographically extended population of approximately 1.6 million people across Southwestern Ontario, based at LHSC, the region’s designated lead cancer hospital.

The Department of Oncology’s mission is to optimize the health and wellbeing of cancer patients by working together to deliver excellence and innovation in patient care, trainee education, and basic, translational and clinical research. The Department is composed of 155 multidisciplinary faculty members across four citywide Divisions of Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology and Experimental Oncology, as well as a satellite Windsor Oncology Division. Faculty members conduct internationally-recognized clinical, translational and basic cancer research in collaboration with our citywide partners including Western, the Lawson Health Research Institute and Robarts Research Institute; with a particular focus on advanced disease and therapeutic response and resistance. The Department offers vibrant education programs as part of the Schulpich Medicine undergraduate medical curriculum (including clinical oncology teaching at the Windsor Campus), as well as postgraduate Royal College Accredited residency and fellowship programs for Radiation Oncology and Medical Oncology. The Department also partners with the Basic Science Departments at Schulpich Medicine to support cancer-focused basic science education programs at the undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral levels. The Department of Oncology is based at LHSC’s London Regional Cancer Program, which serves as lead referral cancer treatment centre for the Southwestern Ontario region; with more than 7,000 new cancer patients seen each year. The program is designated as a Regional Cancer Program by Cancer Care Ontario and, as such, provides oversight of all aspects of cancer prevention, screening, and treatment. This includes a partnership with other centres across the region and in particular St Joseph’s with primary focus on ambulatory and short stay cancer surgery including breast and prostate cancer programs. The Department of Oncology shares LHSC’s and St. Joseph’s vision of integrated cancer care, research and education that aligns with Schulpich’s Medicine mission of outstanding education in a research-intensive environment.

The successful candidate will be an exceptional leader with the vision and scholarly profile to understand and continue to develop the complex interrelationships between the clinical, research and education missions of the Department in the context of an evolving clinical cancer care system, increasing complexity of cancer treatment, increased survivorship, and increased incidence of cancer in an ageing population. They will have a strong record of clinical service, research excellence, education, and quality improvement; and will have demonstrated competency in leadership and the vision to expand the strengths of integrated teaching and research programs of the Department. The successful candidate should possess excellent business management skills, a sense of curiosity leading to quality improvement and strong emotional intelligence. The successful candidate must also have the skills and ability to work closely with citywide partners including Schulpich Medicine, Western, Lawson Health Research Institute, LHSC and St Joseph’s. They must have a sense of entrepreneurial spirit and a demonstrated track record of change management. They must be an excellent communicator and be a strong advocate for the departmental mission and goals to its academic and clinical partners including patients, their families, and the Southwestern Ontario community.

The successful candidate will hold an M.D or equivalent and be certified or eligible to be certified as a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and eligible for licensure in the Province of 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 successful candidate will hold a full-time continuing Clinical Academic appointment in the Department of Oncology at the rank of Associate or Full Professor.

With annual research funding exceeding $220 million, and an international reputation for success, Western ranks as one of Canada's top research-intensive universities. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western also provides an exceptional employment experience, offering competitive salaries, a wide range of employment opportunities and one of Canada’s most beautiful campuses. Details about Western University’s Schulpich Medicine may be found at www.schulpich.uwo.ca; Western University at www.uwo.ca; the Department of Oncology at www.schulpich.uwo.ca/oncology.

LHSC is one of Canada’s largest acute-care teaching hospitals, is dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching and research. Since 1875, LHSC has provided patient care for the people of London, the region, and beyond. Many national and international medical breakthroughs have been pioneered at LHSC including the world’s first use of cobalt radiation and the discovery of vinblastine. Through affiliations with Western University and more than 30 other educational institutions, LHSC trains more than 1,800 medical and health care professionals annually. LHSC’s 15,000 staff,
physicians and residents are 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.

St. Joseph’s is one of Ontario’s leading teaching hospitals, contributing to the advancement of health care, education and research. St. Joseph’s is a Catholic health care organization, owned by the St. Joseph’s Health Care Society of the Roman Catholic Diocese of London. St. Joseph’s is comprised of St. Joseph’s Hospital, Parkwood Institute, Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care, Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care, and 12 team and service locations across the region. St. Joseph’s has major roles in day and short stay surgery, complex chronic disease management, specialized mental health care, rehabilitation; complex continuing care; palliative care, long term care, and veterans care. More information about St. Joseph’s can be found at https://www.sjhc.london.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:

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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; selection.committee@schulich.uwo.ca

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applicants will begin after February 1, 2020. 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/visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, 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 Edona Berani at selection.committee@Schulich.uwo.ca phone 519-661-2111 ext. 88141.

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