



## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT – INDIGENOUS LAW**

The Faculty of Law at Western University in London, Ontario invites applications for a full-time faculty member with research and teaching interests in Indigenous Law. Candidates may also have complementary research interests in areas such as Aboriginal Law, constitutional law, property law, environmental law, international law, dispute resolution, or human rights.

The Appointment may be a probationary (tenure-track) appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or a tenured appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor, depending on qualifications and experience. Candidates may also be considered for Limited Term appointment, with rank to be determined by qualifications and experience.

Qualified applicants must have a JD, LLB, or equivalent degree, as well as a relevant advanced graduate degree or equivalent experience. Western Law welcomes candidates with degrees or research expertise in Law or other related fields, including Political Science, Sociology, History, Anthropology, or Geography. Applicants are encouraged to describe their connections to or partnerships with Indigenous communities and organizations, where applicable.

The appointment is expected to commence July 1, 2022, although alternative starting dates may be arranged.

Western is committed to increasing Indigenous voices and presence across all levels of work, study, and research. As outlined in its 2016 Indigenous Strategic Plan, this includes a commitment to building a community of Indigenous scholars across its Faculties, promoting Indigenous methodologies, and building collaborative and community-engaged partnerships. This work is supported by the University's Office of Indigenous Initiatives, the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Initiatives), the Indigenous Student Centre, and the Indigenous Postsecondary Education Council.

The Faculty of Law is also strongly committed to enhancing the participation of Indigenous law students and lawyers, and to teaching all our students about Indigenous legal orders and the experience of Indigenous peoples and cultures within Canada. Our JD students are required to take a mandatory course in Indigenous Law. We are regular participants in the Debwewin Summer Law Internship, the Kawaskimhon Talking Circle, and the National Advocates for Indigenous Law Students, and we have partnered with Deshkaan Ziibiing (Chippewas of the Thames) First Nation and Walpole Island First Nation on the Bkejwanong territory in hosting Indigenous Law Camps. To complement and enhance these initiatives, we seek to enrich our academic research and programming in Indigenous Law.

In addition to this faculty appointment, we intend to grow our research capacity in Indigenous Law through the creation of a new fellowship program, and to support our Indigenous law students and programming through the appointment of an Indigenous programs coordinator.

Western Law has long been an innovator in legal education, and offers an unparalleled student experience. Our faculty are scholars of the highest calibre, who produce influential, leading-edge research; have strong interdisciplinary ties; and collaborate with pre-eminent scholars around the world. Western Law's graduate program is dynamic and welcomes students from both law and non-law backgrounds. More information about Western Law can be found at [www.law.uwo.ca](http://www.law.uwo.ca).

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.

Information about Western can be found at [www.uwo.ca](http://www.uwo.ca) and information on the city of London is available at [www.ledc.com](http://www.ledc.com).

Applicants are asked to submit a completed Application Form (available at <http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf>) along with the following materials:

- a cover letter identifying their areas of interest in research and teaching, and their experience with and commitment to institutional service;
- a detailed *curriculum vitae*;
- copies of transcripts for any degrees obtained since 2015;
- a research agenda (discussing prior and prospective research) of no more than five pages;
- a teaching statement (discussing teaching philosophy, teaching interests, and teaching experience (if applicable)) of approximately two to three pages; and
- two sample publications (or other writing samples, such as a dissertation chapter).

Electronic applications are preferred and can be submitted to [lawdean@uwo.ca](mailto:lawdean@uwo.ca) or mailed to: Dean Erika Chamberlain, Faculty of Law, Western University, London, Ontario, N6A 3K7. Entry-level applicants (i.e., those who have not previously held a full-time faculty position) should also arrange for three confidential letters of academic reference to be submitted electronically to [lawdean@uwo.ca](mailto:lawdean@uwo.ca) or mailed to Dean Erika Chamberlain at the above address. Applicants who currently hold faculty positions may wish to contact Dean Erika Chamberlain at [echambe@uwo.ca](mailto:echambe@uwo.ca) in confidence.

Review of applications will begin on September 30, 2021, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

*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 Dean Chamberlain's Assistant, Nanette Love at [nlove@uwo.ca](mailto:nlove@uwo.ca) or by phone at (519) 661-2111 ext. 88442.*

*Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.*

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