Dean, Faculty of Education

Western University

Western University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, Faculty of Education.

Western University is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lunaapeewak and Attawandaron peoples, who have longstanding relationships to the land and region of southwestern Ontario and the City of London. The local First Nation communities of this area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation. In the region, there are eleven First Nation communities and a growing Indigenous urban population.

With an enviable national reputation and an expanding international profile that ranks among the top 1% of universities worldwide, Western pushes the boundaries of pedagogical and scholarly excellence while setting a national standard for a student experience that is second to none. Western is a founding member of Canada’s U15, serves as a hub for more than 500 international research collaborations, and is recognized as one of Canada’s Top 100 Employers. There are approximately 40,000 students, including more than 5,800 international undergraduate and graduate students from 128 countries, within Western’s 12 Faculties and Schools and three affiliated university colleges. Approximately 4,000 faculty and staff work in partnership to deliver 400+ specializations, majors and minors, as well as innovative modular degree programs. For more information about Western and its strategic priorities, visit www.president.uwo.ca/strategic_planning/.

Western’s Faculty of Education has been at the leading edge of education in Canada since 1962 and offers educational opportunities at the baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral levels. Believing today’s children are tomorrow’s leaders, the Faculty strives to strengthen the field of education to help ensure every child has the opportunity to flourish. The Faculty collaborates with more than 500 partners in 23 countries and includes world-renowned faculty members. The Faculty has conducted numerous provincial, national and international studies that were the first or largest of their kind and is home to seven dedicated research centres – the Canadian Research Centre on Inclusive Education, the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children, the Centre for School Mental Health, the Interdisciplinary Centre for Research in Curriculum as a Social Practice, the Centre for Research on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, the Centre for the Science of Learning, and the Mary J. Wright Research and Education Centre at Merrymount. The Faculty is also home to the newly established Child and Youth Development Clinic. With approximately 40,000 alumni residing in Canada and countries around the world, Western’s Faculty of Education graduates have gone on to have influential careers and become leaders on a global scale. More information on the Faculty of Education can be obtained from www.edu.uwo.ca.

Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), and working in collaboration with the Associate Deans, the Dean provides leadership to the Faculty, including long-term strategic planning, commitment to student success, research, academic development, advancement, and the management of the financial, administrative and human resources. The Dean plays a major role in linking with the education community and external stakeholders and in the development of a compelling, coherent vision of innovation, scholarship, and pedagogical excellence, while sustaining and enhancing its research prominence and the student experience.

As the ideal candidate, you are an experienced academic leader with a record of success developing a collegial, participatory and transparent approach to decision-making and governance. You are an
established scholar with a PhD in Education or a related field. You have experience leading research initiatives, securing grants and research funding, and supporting and motivating students and faculty in their scholarly pursuits. You are known for supporting and developing undergraduate and graduate programming. A trusted partner, you foster mutually beneficial collaborations that enhance scholarly and pedagogical activities and optimize the efficient use and sharing of resources and university assets.

Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups / visible minorities, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, persons with any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression. Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process by contacting Jessa Chupik at jchupik@boyden.com.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority.

Consideration of candidates, by the search committee, will begin in early May 2020. Given the COVID-19 crisis, every effort to accommodate candidates will be made in a way that is equitable and respectful of their additional professional and personal responsibilities during this difficult time.

For further information and the full executive briefing document, please contact Jessa Chupik and Kathy Rahme at krahme@boyden.com.