



**Chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology
Request for Applications**



The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, at Western University, London, Ontario, Canada is inviting applications for the position of Chair in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

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.

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology (<https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/microbiologyandimmunology/>) is a vibrant department with a rich history and strengths in basic, transplantation and clinical research in the host-pathogen relationships centred on studies of infectious disease, immunology and inflammation, cancer, transplantation and the host microbiome. The Department has approximately 40,000 square feet of laboratory space and access to many core facilities located at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, and the Robarts Research Institute. The Department has a strong undergraduate program including Honors programs in Microbiology & Immunology and Biochemistry of Infection and Immunity. It also has an innovative graduate program consisting of both basic and clinically relevant aspects of microbiology, immunology and cancer. In addition, the Department provides teaching to medical, dental, nursing, science and health science students through undergraduate programs in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and the Faculties of Science and Health Sciences.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated and ongoing record of success in research, as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications and external grant funding, as well as documented excellence in communication and teaching. The new Chair will be expected to support the research, educational and interdisciplinary initiatives of the Department, to help maintain the positive forward momentum of the Department and to develop new initiatives in research/scholarship. The successful candidate will be expected to strengthen bridges across both clinical and basic science departments and Institutes with a view towards developing translational opportunities. The Chair will be expected to develop and execute an energetic, innovative and forward-thinking strategic plan in keeping with the vision of the Department as a world-class leader in research and scholarship. Candidates whose research fits within the *Areas of Excellence* for the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry (https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/research/research_excellence/areas_of_excellence/index.html) are especially encouraged to apply.

We are seeking a talented leader to lead the Department of Microbiology & Immunology into its next phase of academic and basic excellence. He/she will commit to the primary goal of harnessing the considerable energy, passion, expertise and potential present to elevate the Department's collective academic performance. The successful applicant will need to exhibit core qualities including integrity and effectiveness as a mentor, and communicator and model a progressive leadership style that fosters a culture of respect, equity and inclusivity.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent. The position of Chair is for a five-year term, normally renewable once. A successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor with tenure as appropriate in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Compensation for this position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest outlining the interest and fitness for the position, leadership experience and vision. Additionally, please submit an up-to-date CV outlining research, teaching, and administrative experience and interests, including future directions, along with the names and addresses of three referees to:

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Please ensure that the form available at the link below is completed and included in your application submission:

<http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf>

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applicants will begin after August 31, 2020 with an anticipated start date to be negotiated.

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 Laura Lequay or Edona Berani at selection.committee@Schulich.uwo.ca phone 519-661-2111 ext. 82698 or ext. 88141.