

**Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry**

Western University, London Health Sciences Centre & St. Joseph's Health Care London

CLINICAL ACADEMIC POSITION – MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGIST & INFECTION CONTROL

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University, London Health Sciences Centre, and St. Joseph's Health Care, is seeking a Medical Microbiologist for a full-time clinical academic appointment.

The Medical Microbiologist will hold a full-time Limited Term Clinical Academic appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor, depending upon experience and qualifications at the time of appointment. Medical microbiologist candidates must be certified or eligible for certification, in Medical Microbiology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or equivalent. They must have an MD or equivalent degree, and must be eligible for licensure by The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (PaLM) has 70 full time faculty members, and is one of 21 departments in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (<http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/>). The Division of Microbiology processes approximately 350,000 routine specimens per year within a regional model providing services to Southwestern Ontario. Expansion of the virology service due to the ongoing pandemic was necessary and the laboratory has a COVID-19 processing capacity of approximately 10,000 tests per day. The microbiology laboratory is based in a modern facility, equipped with state-of-the-art equipment. Diagnostic services include general bacteriology, mycology, parasitology, serology, and virology (molecular based) while supportive clinical services are provided by the professional group which currently consists of two clinical and four medical microbiologists. PaLM has a long history of strength and excellence in several areas of diagnostic services, teaching and research, and has an environment conducive to career and personal development.

Due to an expanding service, a medical microbiologist with experience and/or interest in infection control will be recruited. The successful candidate's duties will include:

Infection Control Service Provision

- Participate in the Infection Prevention and Control program.
- Provide oversight of the Infection Prevention and Control service across sites.
- Oversee program assessment and impact, collaboration and engagement, education, surveillance, hand hygiene, and outbreak management.
- Develop program protocols and procedures as well as research initiatives.
- The successful candidate will work in close collaboration with the Medical Director to coordinate the development and implementation of Infection Prevention and Control policies and procedures, in collaboration with other clinical, public health, and administrative bodies.

Microbiology Service Provision

- This position is for an academically oriented candidate with strong microbiology skills. The successful candidate will work within a group of microbiologists to provide oversight of the microbiology laboratory testing.
- Develop, evaluate and validate new test methodologies and communicate with end-users regarding test interpretation and utilization.
- Provide oversight of diagnostic services including general bacteriology, mycology, parasitology, serology, and virology (molecular based).
- Participate in the development and oversight of the departmental quality program.

After Hours On-call Service

- The successful candidate is expected to participate in a shared after hours on-call service.

Candidates must have demonstrated excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with all members of the health care team. The candidate will also have a commitment to and demonstrated aptitude for teaching and research. The candidate will have opportunities to teach and supervise at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels and to carry out research activities. As both London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care are teaching hospitals affiliated with Western University, the microbiologist will be supported to engage in academic research and other creative professional activities.

Compensation for this position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be primarily composed of hospital funding aligned with the Ontario MOH Laboratory Medicine Funding Framework agreement.

Western is one of Canada's leading research-intensive universities, and Schulich Medicine & Dentistry has a long history of excellence in basic biomedical, applied and clinical research. Western has a full range of academic and professional programs for over 28,000 undergraduate and graduate students. London is Canada's 10th largest city with a metropolitan census of approximately 530,000. Located midway between Toronto and Detroit, London serves as the hub of South Western Ontario. Known as the "Forest City," London is an affordable, charming and secure place to live. London boasts an international airport, galleries, theatre, music and sporting events and is located close to several lakes and facilities for outdoor activities (www.london.ca). Western's Recruitment and Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applicants and their families to the university and city.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names and email addresses of three references to admin.pathology@schulich.uwo.ca. In addition, candidates should complete and sign the [Application for Full-Time Clinical Academic Position Form](#) as part of their application. Applications can be addressed to:

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
Review of applications will begin after May 15, 2021.
Expected start date is July 1, 2021 or as negotiated.

Business Addresses:

Western University, 1151 Richmond Street, London, ON N6A 5B8, www.uwo.ca
London Health Sciences Centre, 800 Commissioners Road E., London, ON, N6A 5W9, www.lhsc.on.ca
St. Joseph's Health Care London, 268 Grosvenor Street, London, ON, N6A 4V2, www.sjhc.london.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, 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, please contact admin.pathology@schulich.uwo.ca.

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