Western University
Dean, Faculty of Information and Media Studies

Western University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, Faculty of Information and Media Studies.

As one of Canada’s top 10 universities and a founding member of Canada’s U15, Western is recognized for pushing the boundaries of pedagogical and scholarly excellence all the while setting a national standard for a student experience that is second to none. There are over 38,000 students 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, visit www.uwo.ca.

Established in 1996/97, the Faculty of Information and Media Studies (FIMS) is a vibrant, non-departmentalized Faculty comprising approximately 1,300 undergraduate and 250 graduate students, more than 45 full-time faculty members and 22 non-academic staff. Dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about media, communications and information technologies, FIMS offers strong undergraduate and graduate programs in Media Studies, Library & Information Science, Journalism and Communications, Health Information Science, and Popular Music & Culture. The Faculty has just relocated to a shared 130,000-sq-ft building that features media and production studios and an expanded FIMS Graduate Library. The Faculty is linked to the public and private sectors and to community organizations, and its academic environment is characterized by interdisciplinarity, collaboration, creative inquiry, and critical thinking. For more information on the Faculty, visit http://www.fims.uwo.ca.

The Dean is the chief academic officer of the Faculty and a member of the University's academic leadership team. Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President (Academic), the Dean is accountable for the Faculty's strategic vision, for ensuring the academic quality and integrity of its programs and operations, for championing fundraising efforts and outreach, and for enhancing the Faculty's research profile. The ideal candidate will be an excellent scholar appointable to the rank of Full Professor, will have significant administrative experience earned in a complex environment, and must demonstrate a collegial and collaborative leadership style.

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 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 our search consultant (see below). 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 will begin late October 2017 and will continue until the position is filled. Nominations and/or applications should be submitted, in confidence, to Gerri Woodford or Laura Brannan at westernfims@odgersberndtson.com.