Advertisement for Chair, Clinical Sciences Electives (Vice Chair, Clerkship & Electives Committee)

The Associate Dean Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) as chair of the UME Curriculum Committee is seeking applications from a faculty member for the position of Vice Chair of the Clerkship and Electives Committee (CEC) and the UME course Clinical Sciences Electives Meds 5401 effective August 30, 2015.

The Vice Chair CEC and Clinical Science Electives will provide leadership in all Clinical Sciences Electives educational programs and processes across our London, Windsor and DEN campuses and international learning that relate to the Year 4 clinical learning experiences for UME students. The incumbent will report to the AD UME and work collaboratively with the Chair of Clerkship and the CEC, UME senior leaders, UME course and committee leaders, UME staff, Global Health Office, Postgraduate Medical Education leaders and faculty as well as national Electives leaders.

The incumbent will be responsible for all aspects of the leadership of the course Clinical Sciences Electives including the course governance, objectives, assessment, and ongoing improvement to the model. The incumbent will work with UME staff to understand and drive ongoing change and student learning improvement through course assessment outcomes and evaluations. The incumbent will have a documented record of scholarly success and demonstrate a willingness to create scholarly work from the course. Additional skills include working collaboratively with Years 1, 2 and 3 courses to integrate basic and clinical science learning into the OSCE.

Candidates for this position will lead the summative course and mandatory Year 4 assessment for graduation in the UME Program – the Year 4 OSCE. This will involve the creation of content, overseeing administration of and student assessment of the OSCE.

This role involves working with students on issues of academic and non-academic concerns arising from the course that impact on completing the course objectives and assessments. This will include assessing the needs for and advising on and creating and implementing plans of learner remediation. In the event of an adverse student academic outcome, the incumbent will advise the AD UME and lead the process of student progression and appeals according to the terms outlined in the Western University Academic Calendar.

Candidates for Chair CEC are expected to have experience, knowledge and commitment to medical education in clinical learning and preferably the course Clerkship and a knowledge and experience in leading a distributed medical education student learning experience. She/he should have a demonstrated ability to collaborate, communicate, and facilitate in complex environments. Established leadership and team building capacities and a track record of sustained commitment are expected.

The successful candidate must already hold an academic appointment of Assistant Professor or higher within the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, and will require a time commitment of 0.5 days per week for a five year term, subject to renewal once on recommendation of the AD UME.

The applicant should forward a letter of intent, current Curriculum Vitae and the names of three references to the attention of Dr. Gary Tithecott, Associate Dean Undergraduate Medical Education via e-mail attachment to medical.education@schulich.uwo.ca no later than January 30, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. Applicants will be vetted by an Advisory Committee, who will carry out interviews of selected applications in February 2015.

Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Western University is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including