

Alice Munro Chair in Creativity

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities at **Western University (The University of Western Ontario)** invites applications or nominations for the **Alice Munro Chair in Creativity**. The **Alice Munro Chair in Creativity** will recognize and honour our Nobel laureate, inspire student writers and foster creative expression of all kinds. Alice Munro is counted among the University's most extraordinary alumni. Her first connection to the Department of English came while she was an undergraduate pursuing an English major. In 1976, the University recognized Munro's literary achievements with an honorary degree, the only such honour she has ever accepted. In October 2013, Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

This position will be a full-time, Limited Term appointment, with an academic rank commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications. The position will reside in the Department of English and Writing Studies, or as a joint appointment with English and Writing Studies and another department in the Faculty, as appropriate. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a vigorous creative/research program, and to contribute to teaching undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows. The appointment will be made in accordance with the relevant University policies and will be for a one- to three-year term. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position will commence on July 1, 2018 or as negotiated.

The **Alice Munro Chair in Creativity** will:

- Lead the creative culture of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, serving as a mentor and a model;
- Participate in graduate and/or undergraduate teaching;
- Focus on the production of creative work, alongside a study of creativity;
- Assume a leadership role between the University and the local creative community;
- Allow the University to enhance and expand the Writer-in-Residence program;
- Provide the University with access to a world of writing and artistic creation beyond Canada, allowing the University to attract international authors and artists as speakers and collaborators;
- Present the annual Alice Munro Lecture on Creativity.

With a full-time enrolment of 32,000, Western University is a leading research-intensive university with a full range of academic and professional programs, situated on one of Canada's most beautiful campuses. General information about Western can be found at

www.uwo.ca. The university campus is in London, Ontario, a thriving city of 400,000 people, located midway between Toronto and Detroit. With parks, river valleys, tree-lined streets and bicycle paths, London is known as the “Forest City” and boasts galleries, theatre, music and sporting events, and an international airport (see www.ledc.com). Western’s Recruitment and Retention Office is available to assist in the transition of successful applicants and their families.

Interested applicants should submit an “Application for Full-Time Faculty Position” form, available at <http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/careers/Faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf> , as well as a curriculum vitae, writing sample, teaching dossier, a description of a 1-3 year research/creation plan, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three potential referees, in confidence to:

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Applications may be submitted via mail, or electronically with “Alice Munro Chair Application” as the subject. Review of applications will begin on **July 1, 2017** and will continue until the position is filled.

Position is 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 Joanne Gribbon at jgribbo2@uwo.ca .