



Pharmacy - Community Hospital Antimicrobial Stewardship

The School of Pharmacy, University of Waterloo has created a unique pharmacy program that emphasizes innovative academic excellence while embracing practical “real world” experience. This convergence attracts collaborative, entrepreneurial partnerships in education, research, and patient care. To illustrate, we are announcing collaboration with front line partners to create positions whose focus will be to confront community based health care issues. Research in these settings is needed with an outcome that targets broad applicability. We are looking for a creative, enthusiastic and forward-thinking faculty member, who shares this vision, to join our ground-breaking academic team.

The University of Waterloo has ranked as an institution in Canada that develops the “most innovative and most likely to produce leaders of tomorrow”. It is also well known for attracting entrepreneurial, dynamic faculty. Living in Kitchener/Waterloo, one of Canada’s fastest growing communities, means that you are likely to commute less than 30 minutes to work, enjoy the best of vibrant city life and scenic country charm, interact with employees from entrepreneurial companies such as RIM, the maker of Blackberry, and Open Text, and benefit from diverse ethnic and cultural activities and recreational facilities and thriving creative clusters. This is the community whose unprecedented investment established the School of Pharmacy. Additional information on the School of Pharmacy is available at www.pharmacy.uwaterloo.ca.

Our two local community hospitals, Grand River and St Mary’s Hospital, are partnering with us to create a clinical/research Infectious Disease (ID) position. They provide 1) an excellent community based clinical site with patients and health issues that have been underrepresented in antimicrobial stewardship research, 2) an Infectious Disease team eager to collaborate, and 3) a unique research funding model that would see a portion of cost savings, realized in the program, reserved for infectious disease research.

This individual will be an integral member of the antimicrobial stewardship team, being a key player in establishing initiatives that foster improved antimicrobial use, lower antimicrobial resistance, increased patient safety and cost-savings across both hospitals. The individual will work collaboratively with the infection control team to establish guidelines that ensure appropriate antimicrobial therapy, participate in education of hospital staff and establish an antimicrobial and drug surveillance reporting program. Research opportunities exist in many areas including evaluation of antimicrobial management strategies, pharmacy practice based research, local and regional antimicrobial resistance patterns, etc. In collaboration with other microbiology faculty, this individual will participate in the infectious disease component of our School of Pharmacy curriculum; our educational plan uniquely combines medical microbiology, public health, emergency preparedness and infectious disease pharmacology and therapeutics. We are seeking candidates who offer exceptional communication and teaching skills, creative/innovative scholarship, and strong practice experience.

Rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants must hold either a Pharm.D, or Ph.D degree. Candidates must have post-doctoral experience or exemplary practice-based clinical experience. Candidates will be expected to establish a successful externally funded scholarship program. In addition to the pursuit of scholarly activity through research and practice innovation, duties will include teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and supervision of students seeking advanced degrees or training in advanced clinical practice.

Applications should include: 1) curriculum vitae, 2) the names of at least three individuals willing to furnish letters of reference, 3) a one-page statement regarding teaching philosophy,

and 4) an outline (1 - 2 pages) of the proposed scholarly activity. Please submit your completed application to pharmjob@uwaterloo.ca by **December 1, 2009**. Applications will be accepted until suitable candidates are found.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Assistance with immigration will be provided. The University of Waterloo encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, native peoples, and persons with disabilities