Postdoctoral Fellowship in Neuroethics

The Brain and Mind Institute and the Rotman Institute of Philosophy invite applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Neuroethics. The Fellowship will provide a new scholar in neuroethics with a unique opportunity to pursue scholarly research in collaboration with neuroscientists and philosophers.

Western’s Brain and Mind Institute is a leading international center for cognitive neuroscience research. Ongoing research seeks to understand the neural bases of mental abilities such as perception, memory, reasoning, attention, self-awareness, motor control, language, and consciousness. Faculty include six Canada Research Chair holders and the recipient of a Canada Excellence Research Chair.

The Rotman Institute of Philosophy is situated in one of Canada’s leading departments of philosophy, and it brings together philosophers and scientists to work on problems of global significance. Rotman faculty include two Canada Research Chair holders, and ongoing research focuses on a variety of aspects of contemporary physics, biology, and medical science.

The Postdoctoral Fellowship in Neuroethics has a two year term, and the Fellow will be co-supervised by Dr. Charles Weijer (Rotman Institute of Philosophy) and Dr. Adrian M. Owen (Brain and Mind Institute). The Fellow will be affiliated with Dr. Owen's lab in the Brain and Mind Institute and will participate fully in Dr. Weijer and Dr. Owen's neuroethics research group. Their research team brings together philosophers, physicians, and neuroscientists to explore ethical issues in the use of neuroimaging to map residual cognitive function in vegetative, minimally conscious, and comatose patients after serious brain injury. The Fellow will have an office within the Rotman Institute of Philosophy, and will participate fully in the research life of the Rotman Institute, including participation in conferences, research groups, and reading groups. There may also be an opportunity to teach a half course in the Department of Philosophy.

Candidates must have had a PhD in philosophy, bioethics, or a related discipline conferred within five years of the start of the Fellowship. All PhD requirements must be completed by the starting date of this Postdoctoral Fellowship, May 1, 2014. The stipend is $40,000 CDN. Additionally, the Fellow may be reimbursed for up to $5,000 CDN in eligible research expenses per year. Please send a curriculum vitae, writing sample, research statement, and three letters of reference to: Carol Suter, Administrative Assistant, Rotman Institute of Philosophy, 2150A Stevenson Hall, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5B8. Email: csuter4@uwo.ca. Fax: 519-661-3261. All items, except letters of reference, may be sent by email.

The deadline to apply is December 15, 2013. Applicants should have fluent oral and written communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Western University is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.