



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 students, build diverse cultural communities within the university and beyond, and foster creative expression of all kinds. The Faculty of Arts and Humanities welcomes nominations of and applications from creative practitioners of national and international stature including but not limited to creative writers, filmmakers, visual artists or performing artists.

Alice Munro is counted among Western University's most extraordinary alumni. Her first connection to the Department of English came in 1949, when she entered Western as an undergraduate pursuing an English major and shortly thereafter achieved her first publication in a campus literary magazine, *Folio*. In 1974, she served as the third Writer-in-Residence in

commensurate with the successful candidate's position. The Department of English and Writing Studies, the Department of English Studies and another department in the Faculty, as well as the candidate, will be expected to maintain their own creative practice and to support the appointment of the Chair. The appointment will be made in accordance with the policies of the Faculty. Salary will be commensurate with the position and will commence on July 1, 2024 or as negotiated.

The Alice Munro Chair in Creativity will:

- x Lead the creative culture of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, serving as a mentor and a model;
- x Participate in graduate and/or undergraduate teaching;
- x Focus on the production of creative work, alongside a study of creativity;
- x Assume a leadership role between the University and the local creative community;
- x Allow the University to enhance and expand the Writer-in-Residence program;
- x 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;
- x Present the annual Alice Munro Lecture on Creativity.

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