HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE
NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY AND IWK HEALTH CENTRE
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

The Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA), and the IWK Health Centre (IWK) are jointly recruiting for the position of Head for the University and the Department of Psychiatry for the NSHA - Central Zone, and the IWK. This is a wonderful opportunity for an experienced and accomplished individual with demonstrated clinical, academic and administrative leadership and a vision to lead the clinical and academic mandate of this dynamic department.

The Department of Psychiatry is a clinical academic department within the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Its mission is threefold—to provide excellent clinical care, superior educational programs and to support cutting edge research in psychiatry. The department boasts a strong research program collaborating with researchers locally, nationally and internationally.

Our members support primary care and provide expert secondary and tertiary mental health care to the people of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island through the mental health programs at the NSHA and IWK which the Department oversees and leads.

In addition to the above, the Head is responsible for child and adolescent psychiatry teaching programs and research at the IWK. The IWK provides quality care to women, children, youth and families in the Maritimes and beyond. It is engaged in leading-edge research, works to promote healthy lifestyles for families, and supports education opportunities for health professionals and their learners. Services provided by the IWK are delivered through three programs: Children’s Health, Mental Health and Addictions, and Women’s and Newborn Health.

Dalhousie is the leading graduate and research university of Atlantic Canada, with more than 18,500 students, including 3,500 in graduate programs, from 115 countries. Its medical school, founded in 1868, teaches scientific excellence and humanity in medicine, facilitates leading health research, influences social and health policy, and helps drive the regional economy. Through Dalhousie, the Department of Psychiatry is affiliated with New Brunswick’s Horizon Health Network and has additional affiliated staff throughout the Maritime provinces.

NSHA is the largest employer in the province. More than 23,000 employees, 2,500 physicians and 7,000 volunteers combine to provide care at more than 45 facilities throughout the province. The Central Zone provides core health services to 400,000 Halifax region residents (40% of the population of Nova Scotia) and tertiary and quaternary acute care services to residents of Atlantic Canada. The QEII Health Sciences Centre is the principal teaching hospital affiliated with Dalhousie University, and a centre for health care research.
The position is a five-year, limited term appointment with an underlying continuing academic appointment. The Department Head position is subject to renewal for a second five-year term conditional on satisfactory annual performance evaluations and a positive review of the first term as Head.

The successful candidate will have an MD Degree, hold or be eligible for medical licensure in Nova Scotia and hold or be eligible to sit for certification in Psychiatry by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

To be considered for this role you are a consummate professional and you embody the principles of accountability, transparency, collaboration and fairness. You are a visionary, team player and outstanding communicator, and you will use your skills and experience to create a positive and effective environment to enable excellent, collaborative care and learning. In addition, you have the ability to balance and achieve alignment among the academic and clinical mandates of the Department and the strategic directions of the Faculty of Medicine, the NSHA, and the IWK. You will also have demonstrated ability to guide, direct and administer academic responsibilities in undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing medical education; while promoting departmental research efforts.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community.

Applications must include a curriculum vitae and a summary statement of clinical, teaching, research and administrative interests, and a completed Self-Identification Questionnaire. Review of applications will begin the end of February and will continue until the position is filled.

If you are interested in the position and meet all of the above noted criteria, please apply through the following link:  https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/2763