Head, Division of Cardiology

An aspirational leader is sought to drive change and advance the academic enterprise of the Division of Cardiology. The ideal candidate will be an internationally respected scholar and visionary leader with sophisticated interpersonal skills.

They will meaningfully engage the academic leadership of the University and the affiliated teaching hospitals to build strong cross-department and cross-discipline collaboration, bridge diverse groups, strengthen capacity in research across disciplines, and provide strong mentorship to trainees and faculty at all stages of career. The individual will establish an overarching vision and strategic direction for the Division.

The successful candidate:

- Will have the ability to work within an interdisciplinary team at multiple sites.
- Demonstrate academic and clinical leadership experience as well as strong organizational skills.
- Should demonstrate academic success in leading research programs and developing junior faculty.
- Must be licensed to practice medicine in Ontario and hold (or is eligible for) certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- Must be eligible for or be a member of the Canadian Medical Protective Association.
- Must be eligible for a University of Ottawa academic appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or higher.

Additional formal training in Cardiology and fluency in both official languages (French and English) are considered strong assets.

The Division Head is accountable to the Chair/Head of the Department in fulfilling the mission, vision and goals of the Department, the Hospital(s) and the Faculty, in particular as they relate to the Division. The Division Head holds a joint appointment as the Head of the Division (academics) and the Head of the Division (clinical services).

The Division Head is part of the leadership team of the Ottawa Hospital/University of Ottawa’s Department of Medicine. As such, the Division Head will work with the hospital(s) and University’s leadership. This is a combined role including clinical services, administrative responsibilities and opportunity for research activities.

Skills Required

The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) is the largest academic health center in Canada with over 1,100 beds, approximately 12,000 staff and annual budget of over $1.2 billion. It also has the distinction of being the Capital’s primary health services provider.
covering a health region of hospitals and care providers spanning over 20,000 km2. The Division of Cardiology is a Division within the Department of Medicine partnered with the University of Ottawa, The Ottawa Hospital, the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Bruyère Continuing Care and Montfort Hospital.

The University of Ottawa Heart Institute is Canada’s largest and foremost heart health centre. It employs over 1,400 physicians, nurses, researchers, technicians, allied health professionals and more. The Institute handles more than 235,000 patients yearly from across Canada. It has one of the most dynamic advanced heart disease programs in Canada with a dedicated heart failure service, pulmonary hypertension clinic and an active transplant and mechanical circulatory support program. A wide variety of research opportunities exists in clinical and basic science including clinical trials, mechanistic studies, integrated research with biomarkers and imaging, proteomics and genomics. Educational opportunities include a heart failure fellowship program and one of the leading cardiology training programs in Canada.

The Division Head of Cardiology will lead a dynamic, innovative academic division of over 70 faculty (including 50 full time cardiologists) at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and The Ottawa Hospital including its Civic, General and Riverside campuses. The division provides tertiary/quaternary care cardiology service for a population of almost 1.8 million within the Champlain Health District of Ontario as well as Western Quebec and cardiology services to the Baffin Island area of Nunavut Territory. It receives patient referrals from across Canada and around the world. In addition to state-of-the-art catheterization (4) and electrophysiology (4) labs, core facilities include approximately 60 inpatient ward beds, a intensive cardiac care unit (ICCU) with 14 beds, a Day Unit with 36 beds, a Reference Centre with 11 beds and a New Structural Procedure Unit of 6 beds. The Division is renowned for delivery of outstanding cardiac care, excellence in education at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels (recognized as a leading training program in Canada and internationally) and recognized internationally for its research in particular in electrophysiology, cardiac imaging, STEMI/ACS coronary intervention, valvular disease, cardiac transplantation and pulmonary hypertension programs among others as well as strength in heart failure and structural interventions. Competitive research operating awards exceed $5 million annually, with over 180 publications on an annual basis. The Division of Cardiology embraces the Team based approach to care, education and research established by University of Ottawa Heart Institute and supports the vision and mission of the Department of Medicine, the Institute, The Ottawa Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. It has strong collaborations and ties with Cardiac Surgery, Cardiac Anesthesia as well as Nursing and other allied professionals and other Divisions throughout the Department of Medicine, the hospital and university.

The Faculty of Medicine is a nationally recognized leader, ranked among Canada’s top-tier medical faculties. The Faculty is ranked third in Canada for research intensity in Medicine/Science (MacLeans) and 77 worldwide for Clinical, Preclinical and Health (THE World Rankings). The 2020 CWTS Leiden Rankings list the Faculty as 5th in Canada for impact with more than 10% of biomedical and health science papers being published in the top 10% of their field.

The University of Ottawa is the largest bilingual (English-French) university in the

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world and the only bilingual medical school in Canada. The Faculty and its affiliated research institute partners are second in Canada by Maclean’s magazine for research intensity; second highest growth rate in Tri-Council Funding (all programs) since 2003; and third highest growth rate in Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funding for universities with medical schools since 2003.

The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) is TOH’s research arm. It ranks third out of more than 600 Canadian hospitals for competitive, peer-reviewed grants from the prestigious Canadian Institutes of Health Research. OHRI houses over 2,200 researchers, publishing more than 1900 studies yearly, with hundreds being high impact publications (top 10% or citations) and places 5th overall in Canada for research funding. Over the past five years, Department of Medicine members were responsible for $165 million received in peer-reviewed funding and in the past year, over 800 department research studies were published in peer-reviewed journals. For more information, please visit www.ohri.ca.

The city of Ottawa provides a thriving multicultural and bilingual environment. Ottawa boasts numerous cultural activities as well as readily accessible sporting and natural resources, making it an ideal family and healthy living environment.

We acknowledge, with respect, that the work of the Department of Medicine takes place on the unceded and unsurrendered traditional territories of the Algonquin nation.

The Department of Medicine is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our living, learning and work environments. We know that diversity underpins excellence, and that we all share responsibility for creating an equitable, diverse and inclusive community.

We actively encourage applications from members of groups with historical and/or current barriers to equity, including, but not limited to:

- First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, and all other Indigenous peoples;
- members of groups that commonly experience discrimination due to race, ancestry, colour, religion and/or spiritual beliefs, or place of origin;
- persons with visible and/or invisible (physical and/or mental) disabilities;
- persons who identify as women; and
- persons of marginalized sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

We recognize that many of these identities intersect; as a result, equity, diversity and inclusion can be complex. We value the contributions that each person brings and are committed to ensuring full and equal participation for all in our Department.

The Department of Medicine understands that career paths vary. Legitimate career interruptions will in no way prejudice the assessment process and their impact will be carefully considered.
Applicants who wish to be considered as a member of one or more designated groups are encouraged to self-identify as such when applying. If you are invited to continue the selection process, please notify us of any adaptive measures you might require by contacting the Office of the Chair & Chief, Department of Medicine, at 613-737-8900. Any information you send us will be handled respectfully and in complete confidence.

**Job Benefits**

The position of Division Head is a five-year term appointment with the possibility of reappointment for an additional five-year term.

The income for this position is derived from a variety of sources including but not limited to clinical billings (fee-for-service), salary support (AFP/APP) as well as honorariums/stipends. Health and welfare benefits including extended health, dental and disability insurance as well as life insurance are offered.