

Director, School of Social Work, University of British Columbia – Vancouver

The School of Social Work invites applications for the position of Director, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2016. We expect that the successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of full Professor; however, exceptional candidates at the senior Associate Professor level also will be considered. The successful candidate will hold an MSW and Ph.D. in Social Work or a related field and bring to the position a distinguished record of research, excellence in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and strong communication skills across diverse partnering groups. A demonstrated ability and commitment to play a significant leadership role within the School, the University and the wider community – both local and international - is also expected.

Situated in the Faculty of Arts, the School offers nationally accredited professional BSW and MSW programs and a PhD degree. We have a strong commitment to social justice, promoting Indigenous rights, research excellence, community-based practice, and international visibility. For information, please see: <http://www.socialwork.ubc.ca/> and <http://www.arts.ubc.ca/>. With a number of retirements anticipated, the School is entering a new stage in its development. The new Director will be expected to guide this transition by mobilizing consensus within the School and by communicating the unit's vision beyond the School. The Director is responsible for recruiting and evaluating faculty, developing scholarly initiatives, and overseeing the educational programs and the financial health of the unit. The successful candidate will demonstrate effectiveness as a leader, administrator, and advocate for the unit and will enhance the School's achievements and reputation as a leading-edge site of critical and transformative social work education within the university, British Columbia, across Canada and internationally.

The position is subject to final budgetary approval. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The appointment as Director is typically for a five-year term with the possibility for reappointment.

Submissions should include a letter of application, a statement of research, teaching, and leadership philosophy, and a curriculum vitae sent to Laura J. Hart, Manager, Dean's Office, via email (laura.hart@ubc.ca). At a later stage of the process, long-listed candidates will be asked to provide evidence of teaching effectiveness, and arrange to have four confidential letters of reference sent directly to the Dean's Office. Formal review of applications will begin on February 15, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity and diversity within its community. We especially welcome applications from members of visible minority groups, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities. We encourage all qualified persons to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.