

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Social Development Visiting Lecturer in Residence at the School of Social Work and Green College, University of British Columbia

The School of Social Work and Green College at The University of British Columbia, Vancouver campus invite applications for the position of **Social Development Visiting Lecturer in Residence** in the academic year 2018-2019. This short-term position offers the opportunity for a scholar or practitioner or human rights activist from a country in the Global South to be in residence at UBC for 2-3 months during Term 2 of the 2018 Winter Session (January-April 2019). The Visiting Lecturer will participate in the intellectual and social life of a graduate residential college with a mandate for interdisciplinary studies as well as in the academic life and community engagements of the School of Social Work. The position aims to facilitate exchange on research and practice oriented projects related to global, social, and community development and social policy.

Building upon a foundation of social justice and an ethic of care, the [School of Social Work](#) (SSW) is actively engaged in the development of critical, transformative knowledge for social work practice and research. Based on a commitment to fundamental social work values and a vision of social justice, the SSW prepares students for generalist and advanced practice. The School offers a Bachelors, Masters and PhD in Social Work and its faculty members advance research and teaching in topics related to mental health and critical psychiatry, immigration and refugees, critical disability, social policy, historical memory, criminal justice, indigenous social welfare and international and social development. For further information, visit: <https://socialwork.ubc.ca/>

[Green College](#) is a graduate residential college founded on the philosophy of “Ideas and Friendship.” The College is home to about 90 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows every year, along with visiting scholars, journalists, writers-in-residence, etc. The mandate of the College is to foster connections outside of traditional discipline-specific discourse. It does this primarily through [public lectures and events](#) designed to promote the free exchange of ideas, whether at formal talks in the Coach House, over long-table dinners in the Great Hall, or at fireside chats with leading academics and public figures. For further information, visit: greencollege.ubc.ca.

The Visiting Lecturer Program is supported by a fund established with a generous gift from the estate of Professor Emeritus, Dr. Richard B. Splane. The Social Development Visiting Lecturer is expected to strengthen UBC capacity in global social policy and social and community development and to foster collaboration across UBC and with local communities where there are similar strengths and interests. Several units at UBC (the Office of Regional and International Community Engagement, the School of Community and Regional Planning, Green College, and the School of Social Work) support this initiative and will encourage their faculty, students and staff to participate in related events and open space for exchange and networking.

Terms of the award:

The Social Development Visiting Lecturer in Residence will be provided with accommodation and a meal-plan, which includes [breakfast and dinner](#) (five days/week) at Green College for the duration of their residency. Green College is situated on the edge of Pacific Spirit Regional Park, close to beaches and forest trails, and is just minutes from the centre of campus. Note: a spouse/partner may accompany the Visiting Lecturer for the stay at Green College, but will need to cover the cost of their own travel costs and meal-plan (approximately CAD \$500 incl. tax per month– rates to be confirmed).

The Visiting Lecturer will also receive a stipend for the duration of the stay (CAD \$1,500 per month, for up to 3 months), reimbursement of travel expenses up to CAD \$3,000, an office at the School of Social Work, and access to meeting rooms, conference facilities, and staff support. Among other things, the School (staff and faculty) can provide assistance with organizing workshops, making connections with other UBC faculty and students, and establishing contacts with community organizations, non-profit organizations and various institutions.

The School of Social Work, the Office of Regional and International Community Engagement (ORICE), and Green College can also assist in promoting workshops and/or other activities undertaken by the Visiting Lecturer as part of their Social Development residency program.

During the residency period, the Visiting Lecturer will be expected to:

1. Deliver two public lectures
2. Lead a one day workshop on a topic of their expertise
3. Advance their proposed research projects/activities.

Application

To apply, please email the following to the attention of the Visiting Lecturer adjudication committee c/o Administrator, School of Social Work at: shirley.yue@ubc.ca with “Social Development Visiting Lecturer” in the subject line:

- Current curriculum vitae (C.V.)
- 1-page letter of application explaining your particular interest in an association with the School of Social Work and Green College and your potential contributions to each;
- 1-page outline of proposed research projects/activities for the Social Development Visiting Lecturer in Residence position.

The applicant should also arrange to have 1 referee and 1 UBC sponsor send their letters of support to shirley.yue@ubc.ca by the same deadline noted below.

- Letter of reference. The referee should provide their perspective on the applicant’s fit with the aims of this position.

- Letter of support from a UBC sponsor. The sponsor must be either a UBC member holding an appointment as a faculty member, a postdoctoral research fellow, or other UBC researcher. The sponsor is asked to describe the context of their relationship with the applicant and the extent of their familiarity with the applicant's work. The sponsor should also include details of the applicant's proposed engagement at UBC and the potential benefits to the applicant's career, as well as to the School of Social Work and Green College.

The deadline is Thursday, August 30, 2018 for receipt of applications and letters of support.

Acceptance to the Social Development Visiting Lecturer in Residence Program will be determined by an adjudication committee, which will consider the applicant's experience, their proposed research/activities and fit with the School of Social Work and the aims of the Visiting Lecturer in Residence Program, and the ideas and engagement that the applicant would bring to the School of Social Work and to Green College. The Visiting Lecturer will be required to submit a report upon the completion of their term of residency.