Indigenous Health Tenure-Track Opportunity

The Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in Indigenous health. Applicants who are ABD or hold a PhD in a field related to Indigenous health, and whose research agenda is firmly tied to the health of Indigenous Peoples, are encouraged to apply. In accordance with the Faculty of Health Sciences commitment to social justice and pursuant to our special program under s.42 of the BC Human Rights Code, preference will be given to Indigenous applicants.

We seek a colleague with demonstrated and/or clear potential to develop a self-sufficient, dynamic, and robust research program in Indigenous health in the Faculty of Health Sciences. Candidates will show evidence of strong community collaboration in the conduct of research with Indigenous partners. The Faculty of Health Sciences supports diverse forms of scholarly contribution and achievement. We aspire to be respectful and inclusive of, and reward scholarship and teaching grounded in traditional Aboriginal, First Nations, Inuit and/or Métis methodologies and epistemologies and community-based research approaches.

A successful track record in obtaining external research funding, in addition to demonstrated expertise in knowledge translation and exchange, appropriate to the level of the scholar, will be considered assets. The successful candidate will also be expected to participate in teaching and mentorship of graduate students, and specifically will be asked to develop and teach an introductory, undergraduate-level course on topics pertaining to Indigenous health with support from faculty and community knowledge assets.

This hire takes place in the context of dynamic reconciliation efforts underway at Simon Fraser University, which include opportunities for faculty, staff and students to transform the university. Tangible transformations of space range from opening the Indigenous students’ center to student-produced campus murals. SFU maintains active programming, funding and support to help faculty members in efforts to decolonize curricula. SFU also has programs to expand undergraduate Indigenous students’ pathways into the university, as well as graduate fellowships to support Indigenous students. In the spirit of reconciliation, the Faculty of Health Sciences commits to provide a supportive environment to the successful candidate to support their vision and goals for Indigenous-centred, community-based research, which may require further transformations to institutional policies and process.

The Faculty of Health Sciences is committed to social justice, respect for human dignity and equity. Created in 2005, its mission is to improve the health of individuals and populations and to reduce health inequities through excellence in interdisciplinary research and education, in partnership with local, national and global communities. The successful candidate will join a diverse and dynamic team of more than 50 multi-disciplinary faculty members and will have the opportunity to engage with and teach outstanding students in the PhD, MSc, MPH, and BA/BSc programs. The Faculty of Health Sciences maintains collaborative agreements and partnerships with the BC government, regional health authorities, the First Nations Health Authority, research centres, and other health agencies.
To apply for this position, please submit a full curriculum vitae, a letter of application, a brief statement of research plans for the next 5 years (three page maximum), a teaching statement (one page maximum), and the names and contact details of three academic references. Letters of support and/or membership of the individual in a First Nations, Inuit and Métis community/nation/organization may be submitted in support of the application. The teaching requirement for this position is three courses per year, thus the teaching statement must detail teaching experience and teaching interests. These materials should be submitted electronically to: fhs_recruit@sfu.ca.

The search committee will begin to review submitted applications on May 1, 2019; however, the position will remain open until filled. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to self-identify in their cover letter. This may include provision of information in letter of support/confirming membership with a First Nation, Inuit, or Métis community/nation/organization; alternatively the applicant may provide a description of their family history that supports ancestral connection to an Indigenous group providing information about one’s status, affiliation, and/or current connection with a defined community or group.

Positions are subject to final budgetary approval.

SFU is an equity employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals including women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the university. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however; Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details of this policy see: http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty_Openings/Collection_Notice.html