Tenure Track Position in Addictions Research

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at Simon Fraser University seeks applications from early to established career scientists with an outstanding record of addiction research. We seek a scholar with extensive experience investigating health impacts stemming from substance use among vulnerable populations of people who use drugs (PWUD) and interventions to reduce drug-related harm. The ideal candidate will have a program of research focused on substance use, including addiction treatment, and the prevention and treatment of blood-borne viruses. The candidate will have core expertise in the use of qualitative, ethnographic, and ethno-epidemiological research methods to examine the production and prevention of drug-related harm. Specifically, the candidate will demonstrate the ability to:

Strengthen and expand addiction components with the FHS curriculum by providing students with the tools to examine health programs and policies related to substance use disorders

Provide advanced training in qualitative research methods and analysis, and teach graduate students how to apply these methods to study diverse health problems and evaluate related policies, interventions, and programs

Produce applied social science and health research regarding drug-related harm in BC and relevant interventions, including evaluation of programs and policies

Facilitate knowledge transfer between health scientists and policy makers at multiple jurisdictional levels in the areas of substance use, mental health, and addiction

Guide and support grant applications in the area of substance use, mental health, and addiction

The successful candidate will have a doctoral degree in Interdisciplinary Health Research, with expertise conducting health research focused on vulnerable PWUD. The candidate will also demonstrate experience working with health agencies such as local Health Authorities, the BC Ministry of Health, and the BC Centre for Disease Control. Excellence in research and scholarship must be demonstrated, as well as the ability to secure external funding for research activities. The successful candidate will be appointed as a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor, and will provide research leadership and promote interdisciplinary scholarship in addiction research within FHS.

The candidate will play a central role in a dynamic group of interdisciplinary scholars at the British Columbia Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU) at St. Paul’s Hospital (affiliated with the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS) and the Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (CARMHA) within the FHS. These two research centres engage in active collaborations with government, community and clinical units, and help inform health policies and interventions related to addiction.

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) was created in 2005 with a focus on the integration of social and natural science research with population outcomes, societal application, health equity, and policy analysis. The successful candidate will join a dynamic group of more than 50 multi-disciplinary faculty members and will have the opportunity to engage with outstanding students in the PhD, MSc, MPH, and BA/BSc programs. FHS hosts the CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples’ Health, and maintains collaborative agreements and partnerships with the BC government, regional health authorities, research centres, and provincial, national and international health agencies. The faculty includes five Canada Research Chairs, four Endowed Chairs, and seven additional faculty members with external salary awards.

To apply for this position, candidates should submit a full curriculum vitae, a letter of application, and a descriptive statement of research activities and teaching philosophy. These materials, along with the names of at least three academic references should be submitted electronically to: fhs_recruit@sfu.ca. The deadline for submission of applications is January 10, 2017.
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Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, Aboriginal people, and persons with disabilities. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Positions are subject to final budgetary approval. 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 please see:

http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty_Openings/Collection_Notice.html