CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) | Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics

The Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics (APT, see apt.med.ubc.ca) at The University of British Columbia (UBC) invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor (tenure-track) in Therapeutics Research.

This position is located within a health-care facility. Therefore, this position requires successful verification of full vaccination against Covid-19 provided prior to the start date, as required by the provincial health mandate.

The appointment will provide the successful candidate with access to a unique environment where researchers in basic science and therapeutics converge with academic clinicians to ensure a multi-disciplinary research and education approach to clinically relevant problems regarding use of prescription medications. In particular, APT requires a new faculty member to provide critical service and expertise to the Therapeutics Initiative (TI, see www.ti.ubc.ca).

APT consists of scientists and teaching faculty who provide undergraduate and graduate programs in pharmacology and therapeutics, and more than 500 physicians who provide postgraduate residency programs and fellowships in anesthesiology. This faculty appointment within APT will provide the successful candidate with opportunities for collaboration with the scientists in the TI and the wider APT and Faculty of Medicine communities. The TI was established within APT in 1994, with a mission to provide physicians, pharmacists and the provincial pharmacare plan with up-to-date, evidence-based, practical information on prescription drug therapy. The TI consists of 40 faculty members, staff and contractors, and conducts systematic reviews of existing drug studies, original pharmacoepidemiologic research with British Columbia’s administrative healthcare databases, and educational interventions with physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses and the public.

Reporting to the Head, Department Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics and taking direction from the TI Co-Directors, the successful candidate will have a PhD in epidemiology with advanced biostatistics and post-doctoral research experience in pharmacoepidemiology. Preference will be given to those who have demonstrated ability to conduct observational research on very large databases using advanced biostatistical methods. Experience in methods of evaluating drugs for rare diseases, experience in drug policy research, or experience in health economics are assets. The successful candidate is expected to develop an independent research program in the area of pharmacoepidemiology and biostatistics related to the mission of the TI. Short-listed candidates will be further evaluated for their potential and desire to obtain grant funding and serve in a future leadership role with the TI. Service to the University and the broader academic and professional community is also expected, as is participation in undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate teaching activities of the Department.

Office space will be located on the UBC main campus at Point Grey in Vancouver, within short walking distance to the UBC Hospital which has a multi-specialty medical outpatient clinic and standard diagnostic facilities. The successful candidate will also have opportunities to collaborate with a large and diverse community of basic scientists and clinicians throughout the wider UBC community.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Competitive start-up infrastructure funds will be provided. The application should include:

1. A letter outlining the applicant’s experience in research, clinical practice and teaching,
2. A detailed curriculum vitae,
3. A five-year research plan including research proposal(s) (maximum 2 pages),
4. The names of three references

Applications should be directed to:
Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2022 and continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date for this position is January 1, 2023 or upon a date to be mutually agreed.

The University of British Columbia is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world. Since 1915, UBC’s entrepreneurial spirit has embraced innovation and challenged the status quo. UBC encourages its students, staff and faculty to challenge convention, lead discovery and explore new ways of learning. At UBC, bold thinking is given a place to develop into ideas that can change the world.

Our Vision: To Transform Health for Everyone.

Ranked among the world’s top medical schools with the fifth-largest MD enrollment in North America, the UBC Faculty of Medicine is a leader in both the science and the practice of medicine. Across British Columbia, more than 11,000 faculty and staff are training the next generation of doctors and health care professionals, making remarkable discoveries, and helping to create the pathways to better health for our communities at home and around the world.

The Faculty - comprised of approximately 2,200 administrative support, technical/research and management and professional staff, as well approximately 650 full-time academic and over 9,000 clinical faculty members - is composed of 19 academic basic science and/or clinical departments, three schools, and 24 research centres and institutes. Together with its University and Health Authority partners, the Faculty delivers innovative programs and conducts research in the areas of health and life sciences. Faculty, staff and trainees are located at university campuses, clinical academic campuses in hospital settings and other regionally based centres across the province.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.