Physical activity is a major determinant of physical and mental health. The School of Kinesiology, at The University of British Columbia, is uniquely positioned to study the role of physical activity in health and disease across the lifespan, and across sub-disciplines and in diverse populations. We invite applications for a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Physical Activity and Health within the School of Kinesiology at The University of British Columbia.

The Canadian Research Chairs Program (www.chairs.gc.ca) was established by the Canadian Federal Government to attract outstanding researchers to the Canadian university system and we are seeking an exceptional scholar for this position. The Tier II Chair is for emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. Tier II Chairs are tenable for five years and are renewable for a further five years upon review by national and international peers. To be eligible, candidates must have completed a doctoral degree within the last 10 years. The successful applicant will be nominated by the University for a Canada Research Chair and, as stated in the Terms of Reference (www.chairs.gc.ca), the nomination is subject to review by the CRC Secretariat. Upon approval of the Chair by the CRC Secretariat, the successful applicant will be offered a tenure-track appointment in the university, at the rank of either Assistant or Associate Professor. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience and carries a research supplement. The university’s benefit package is comprehensive.

The University of British Columbia is located in beautiful Vancouver, a multicultural, multilingual city ranked as one of the world’s best places to live. The university is recognized internationally as a leading research institution. The Faculty of Education (www.educ.ubc.ca) shares the University’s commitment to research excellence and provides a comprehensive set of programmatic offerings at the baccalaureate, magisterial and doctoral levels. Academic units include the School of Kinesiology, the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education, the Department of Educational Studies, and the Department of Language and Literacy Education.

The School of Kinesiology is comprised of a multidisciplinary group of outstanding researchers committed to excellence in scholarship, teaching, community engagement, and professional leadership. The School has internationally recognized scholars investigating physical activity and health through diverse approaches ranging from cellular to societal levels of analysis. Interdisciplinary research within the school focuses on how lifestyle, environmental, social, cultural, and biological factors combine to influence cardiovascular, respiratory, muscular-skeletal, neurological, psychological and community health (for further details about the School of Kinesiology and its research, please visit the School’s website at http://kin.educ.ubc.ca/).
It is expected that the successful applicant will take a prominent role within the School in leading a range of innovative research initiatives in relation to physical activity and health. Applicants are welcome from cognate areas that include, but are not limited to, psychology, epidemiology, physiology, sociology, and neuroscience. The successful appointee will hold a doctoral degree (PhD and/or MD) in a related discipline, and will be encouraged to work across the diverse research fields related to physical activity and health in both the School and, more broadly, the University.

Interested applicants are invited to send their curriculum vitae, a five year research plan, a summary of teaching interests and philosophy, and three papers that are the most significant and relevant to their research interests. Applicants are also asked to have three letters of reference sent directly to UBC (contact details below).

The University of British Columbia hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. 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. Offers will be made in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements associated with the Canada Research Chairs program. The University of British Columbia is responsive to the needs of dual career couples as an integral part of its strategy for excellence.

The position is subject to budgetary approval. Consideration of candidates will begin February 15, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration, please submit application materials by the date noted. The start date is subject to the announcement of the approval by the CRC Secretariat and final arrangement with the appointee.

All enquiries and applications should be directed to:

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