Associate Professor in Inclusive Education  
Dorothy Lam Chair in Special Education

The Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia, Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, invites applications for a tenured position at the rank of Associate Professor in Special Education. The successful candidate will have a strong record of research, successful grant funding, and demonstrated leadership in inclusive education. Also required are evidence of research and scholarly achievement, strong ties to educational communities, the ability to develop productive relationships with policy makers and government agencies, and demonstrated excellence in teaching and research supervision. The position is linked to the Dorothy Lam Chair in Special Education, established in 1990, to support research and teaching in the area of special needs education.

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 and, recently, was ranked as #1 in Canada in the social sciences and humanities by the Higher Education Strategy Associates. The Faculty of Education shares this commitment to research excellence and provides a comprehensive set of programmatic offerings at the baccalaureate, magistral and doctoral levels. Academic units include the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, the Department of Educational Studies, the Department of Language and Literacy Education, and the School of Kinesiology. The Faculty is a leader in Indigenous Education and offers additional cross-Faculty initiatives in early childhood education, educational technology and interdisciplinary studies. For further details about the Faculty and its research, please visit www.educ.ubc.ca.

The Special Education program is one of five programs in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, joining Counselling Psychology; Human Development, Learning and Culture; School Psychology; and Measurement, Evaluation and Research Methodology. The Special Education area is well-known nationally and internationally for its programs in the areas of autism and developmental disabilities, behavior disorders, deaf and hard-of-hearing, gifted learners, learning disabilities, and visual impairment. The Special Education area represents the largest breadth of coverage in regard to specific disabilities in all of Canada. Doctoral graduates serve in leadership positions as assistant professors at regional, national, and international universities; lecturers at community colleges; assistant directors and directors of community agencies serving children with special needs; and as directors of student support services for school districts in B.C. and in other provinces. M.A. and M.Ed. graduate students serve in leadership positions in public and private schools, community agencies, and provincial government ministries throughout B.C. and Canada.
The Department has strong ties to schools and to community and governmental agencies. Both the Department and the Special Education Program have outstanding records of student and faculty research funding. The Special Education Program is based on a scientist-practitioner model and offers undergraduate and graduate preparation in all areas of exceptionality.

The successful applicant will hold a doctoral degree in Special Education or a closely-related discipline. We are seeking a collaborative colleague who will take a prominent role in leading innovative research initiatives and program development in relation to inclusive education. Applicants are welcome from any area of exceptionality; experience with governmental agencies and k-12 teaching are advantageous. The successful appointee will be encouraged to work across the Faculty and the University in research areas related to special education.

The successful applicant will be offered a tenured faculty appointment in the University at the rank of Associate Professor. The Dorothy Lam Chair supplements the tenured position; initial appointment to the Chair is for a period of five years, renewable upon review by the Faculty, and carries a research supplement. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University’s benefit package is comprehensive. Qualified applicants are invited to send their curriculum vitae, a description of their research program, a one-page description of their teaching and mentorship experience, three publications that are the most significant and relevant to their research interests, and the names and contact information of three referees.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity, including responsiveness to the needs of dual career families. 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. Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

The appointment will be effective January 1, 2015, or as soon as the position is filled. The position is subject to budgetary approval. Consideration of candidates will begin on April 14th, 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 final arrangement with the appointee.

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