

**Assistant Professor (tenure track)**  
**Canada Research Chair (CIHR, Tier II) in Nutritional Epidemiology**

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The Faculty of Land and Food Systems (LFS) at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver campus) ([www.landfood.ubc.ca](http://www.landfood.ubc.ca)) is currently accepting internal applications from outstanding researchers with a current full time faculty appointment in LFS at the rank of Assistant Professor (tenure track) for a Canada Research Chair (CIHR, Tier II) in Nutritional Epidemiology. This position will be part of the Human Nutrition (HUNU) group in the Food, Nutrition and Health Program. The anticipated start date is September 1, 2020.

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in Epidemiology, Human Nutrition, or Nutritional Epidemiology, awarded within the past 10 years. Applicants should have a very strong scholarly record, comprising high quality publications in leading journals, and demonstration of an early track record of success in graduate student recruitment and supervision, teaching, and obtaining funding from multiple granting agencies that ideally includes a diverse set of national and international collaborators. The successful applicant will have experience in investigating the links between diet and certain non-communicable chronic diseases (NCD), such as cardiovascular disease (CVD), diabetes and some cancers. The successful candidate will work to address a major gap in this research by providing a comprehensive evidence-base for informing future developments of national nutritional policies in Canada, with a particular focus on reducing the diet-related burden on NCD.

Nominees for Tier 2 Chair positions must be emerging scholars no more than 10 years from their highest degree at the time of nomination. Applicants with more than 10 years owing to legitimate career interruptions (maternity, parental, or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 chair assessed through the CRC program's Tier 2 justification process which involves submission of a Tier 2 Justification Assessment form to the Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat. Further information about CRC Chairs is available at: <https://academic.ubc.ca/awards-funding/funding-opportunities/canada-research-chairs>.

Consistent with the core areas of strategic strength in LFS, the successful candidate will strengthen the position of LFS position as a leader in integrated research that addresses critical issues related to human health, a sustainable food supply and the responsible use of finite land and water resources. The successful applicant will help LFS enhance its standing as a leader the area of developing data infrastructure resources used to ascertain the dietary patterns of Canadians. In particular, the successful applicant will focus on the development and use of multivariable and predictive algorithms to measure the disease burden associated with dietary choices.

Faculty members in the HUNU Group conduct research that shapes fundamental nutrition knowledge, clinical practice, educational pedagogy, and public health approaches to Nutrition. HUNU engages with a diverse group of stakeholders including local, national, and international health care providers and governments on such topics as school food policies, community food programs, nutritional screening and interventions, international nutrition interventions and global nutrition policies.

Applicants should provide a 1) two-page cover letter; 2) detailed curriculum vitae; 3) names and contact information of three references, 4) five-year research plan (1-2 pages) to Dr. David Kitts, Associate Dean Research at [david.kitts@ubc.ca](mailto:david.kitts@ubc.ca) by February 15, 2020.

In assessing applications, UBC recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g., maternity leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. These leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process. For contact information regarding UBC's accommodation and access policies and resources (for faculty and staff as well as students), please visit the Centre for Accessibility:

<https://students.ubc.ca/aboutstudent-services/centre-for-accessibility>.

UBC welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. To confidentially request accommodations, please contact [david.kitts@ubc.ca](mailto:david.kitts@ubc.ca).

Pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities (members of groups that are racially categorized), persons with disabilities, and Indigenous peoples. Applicants to Canada Research Chair positions are asked to [complete the equity survey](#) as part of the application, and candidates from these groups must self-identify as belong to one or more of the designated groups to be considered for the position. Because the search is limited to those self-identifying as members of designated equity groups, candidates must also provide their name to be considered.

Personal information is collected under the authority of sections 26(a) and 26(c) of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information you provide will only be used to determine whether you qualify for participation in this hiring process. Data will be collected by the Equity & Inclusion Office and only the names of those who identify as women, visible minorities (member of groups that are racially categorized) and/or Indigenous peoples will be shared with the search committee. Currently, UBC has a gap in representation for people with disabilities. Unit such time as this is remedied, the names of those self-identifying as having a disability will be provided separately to the search committee. Responses will be stored in a secure database.

The University of British Columbia is located on traditional unceded Musqueam territory in Vancouver, British Columbia, a region recognized worldwide for its natural beauty. The University is recognized internationally as a leading research institution and the UBC Faculties of Land and Food Systems and Forestry were collectively ranked 15th globally among faculties of Agriculture and Forestry (2019 QS World University Rankings).

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.