The Faculty of Land and Food Systems (https://www.landfood.ubc.ca) at The University of British Columbia (Vancouver campus) invites applications from outstanding investigators for a Tier I Canada Research Chair in Agricultural, Food or Nutritional Science. The successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor (with tenure). The anticipated start date is September 1, 2022.

Candidates will have established an internationally recognized research program in one of the following areas: 1) climate change and resilient food systems; 2) nutrition and food security; 3) sustainable agriculture; 4) the health and welfare of animals in society. The successful candidate will develop a program appropriate for support under the umbrella of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Index_eng.asp). The Chair’s research program will attract substantial new funding from national and international agencies, and support collaborations and build bridges across the Faculty of Land and Food Systems, and across UBC and the international research community.

Nominees for Tier 1 CRC positions must be Professors, or Associate Professors who are expected to be promoted to the Professor rank within one or two years of the nomination. The Canada Research Chairs Program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further UBC's strategic research plan. All Chair nominations are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website (https://www.chairs-chairs.gc.ca) for full program information and further details on eligibility criteria.

The University of British Columbia is located on traditional, ancestral and 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). The Faculty of Land and Food Systems (LFS) is a recognized leader in sustainable agriculture; food, nutrition and health; and food safety and quality. The vision of the Faculty is balancing our food system and planetary health to create a better world, and our action plan focuses on navigating a better future (https://lfs-ps.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2021/03/LFS-Action-Plan_21March2021-2.pdf). Our scientists have informed and influenced policy related to food insecurity, animal welfare, and climate change from agriculture. LFS currently consists of 54 faculty members and 111 full time staff with an enrolment of 1781 undergraduate students and 226 graduate students. Core areas of expertise and training include Applied Animal Biology, Food Science, Human Nutrition, Integrated Studies in Land and Food Systems, Plant Science, and Soil Science. The Faculty operates the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm, the Dairy Education and Research Centre in Agassiz, B.C., and the Wine Research Centre at UBC Okanagan and UBC Vancouver.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a detailed summary of research interests describing funded projects and future directions (maximum 5 pages), a statement of how you will build a collaborative program within the LFS, and a statement describing your experience working with a diverse student body, as well as your past, present, and/or future contributions to creating/advancing a culture of equity and inclusion.
Apply at https://ubc.wd10.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ubcfacultyjobs/job/UBC-Vancouver-Campus/Associate-Professor-or-Professor_JR4420-1. All inquiries should be sent to the same address with “CRC-I position” in the subject line. Review of completed applications will begin on November 1, 2021.

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. Accommodations are available upon request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. To confidentially request accommodations, please contact Melanie Train at melanie.train@ubc.ca. 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.

In accordance with UBC’s CRC Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan, and 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 (https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJHoi75fPXRMu9) as part of the application, and candidates from these groups must self-identify as belonging 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. BC welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities.

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.