

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Research Partnership, Knowledge Mobilization and Implementation Science

Academic unit: Faculty of Health and Social Development, UBC Okanagan campus

Type of appointment: Assistant Professor, Tenure Track or Associate Professor, Tenure

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Closing Date: July 15, 2024

The Faculty of Health and Social Development at the UBC invites applications from existing faculty members at UBC-Okanagan at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor for a SSHRC Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Research Partnership, Knowledge Mobilization and Implementation Science. Tier 2 Chairs are tenable for five years and renewable once.

The Faculty of Health and Social Development is a Faculty of distinction and excellence in teaching, research and community engagement and home to over 40 researchers across the Schools of Nursing, Social Work, and Health and Exercise Sciences. The Chair in Research Partnership, Knowledge Mobilization and Implementation Science will be located in the UBC School of Health and Exercise Sciences; but will work with colleagues across the Faculty and the wider institution including those in the Centre for Health Behaviour Change, the International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries, the Institute for Community Engaged Research (ICER), Innovation UBC, The Knowledge Exchange (Kx) Unit, and the Office of Community Engagement. Specifically, the Chair will act as a catalyst for transforming research systems for meaningful engagement, and optimizing the potential for research impact.

The UBC School of Health and Exercise Sciences is known for its strong undergraduate and graduate programs, including an emphasis on competency-based learning, and community-engaged research. Health and Exercise Science faculty conduct research in areas that include health behaviour change, chronic disease management, and systems physiology. The UBC School of Health and Exercise Sciences offers a BHES, MSc, and PhD. For more information, visit: <https://hes.ok.ubc.ca/>

Applicants must have a PhD with a strong background in both scholarship and community engagement, provide evidence of active and excellent research, and demonstrate a record of successful teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Chair will pursue a program of research in the area of Research Partnership, Knowledge Mobilization and Implementation Science. Aligned with SSHRC's mandate, and UBC's focus on knowledge exchange and research impact, the Chair will address calls to transform research systems to enable the reciprocal and complementary flow and uptake of research knowledge between researchers, knowledge brokers and knowledge users in such a way that benefits end-users, and addresses the global challenges of today and tomorrow.

The successful candidate will be an emerging scholar who has achieved public and academic recognition for their intellectually provocative and impactful research in the field and whose

scholarly profile and research proposal meet the criteria of the CRC program and demonstrate an excellent fit with institutional strategic goals and the aims of the position. In addition, the successful candidate is expected to propose an original, innovative, high quality research program; demonstrate the potential to attract, develop, and retain excellent trainees, students, and future researchers; and demonstrate the potential to become a global leader in their fields in the next five to ten years. The Chair will be expected to maintain an outstanding program of research, to contribute to teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and to supervise graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows, and to contribute to service at all levels within the University and to the profession.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for a Tier 2 CRC position; they must be emerging scholars who should, at a minimum, be assistant or associate professors. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates who are less than 10 years from their highest degree at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. UBC recognizes the legitimate impact that research interruptions and eligible leaves (e.g., maternity, parental, medical, bereavement) can have on a candidate's record of achievement. These leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process. Please contact the research grants office for more information. The Canada Research Chairs Program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further UBC's strategic research plan. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website www.chairs.gc.ca for full program information and further details on eligibility criteria. All Chair nominations are subject to review by the CRC Secretariat, and appointment as a CRC is conditional upon their approval.

Applications must be submitted electronically to rob.shave@ubc.ca. Please provide the following items: curriculum vitae; one sample of published research; description of your most significant research accomplishments (max. 500 words); an outline research program proposal for a Tier 2 CRC in Research Partnership, Knowledge Mobilization and Implementation Science (max. 2 pages); and brief statements – (max. 1 page) (a) explaining the importance of, and your approach to, the development of key research partnerships internal and external to UBC, and (b) explaining your experience working with a diverse student body and your contributions or potential contributions to creating/advancing a culture of equity and inclusion. For all materials applicants should, where relevant, specifically address the SSHRC mandate.

Applicants should also be prepared to provide contact information for at least three potential referees from whom confidential letters of assessment can be obtained. The closing date for applications is 11:59pm, July 15, 2024. Only complete applications will be considered by the committee. Inquiries about the position may be sent to Professor Rob Shave (Associate Dean for Research FHSD) at rob.shave@ubc.ca. The Chair is expected to begin on April 1st, 2025, or as mutually agreed upon between the successful candidate and the University.

UBC welcomes and encourages applications from persons with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. Within this hiring process we will make efforts to create an inclusive and equitable process for all candidates (including but not limited to people with disabilities). Confidential accommodations are available on request for applicants who are short-listed. To make a confidential request for accommodations, please contact Professor Rob Shave (Associate Dean for Research FHSD) at rob.shave@ubc.ca.

The University is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable work environment for all members of its workforce, and in particular, for its employees with disabilities. An inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities presumes an environment where differences are accepted, recognized, and integrated into current structures, planning and decision-making modes. For additional 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://facultystaff.students.ubc.ca/student-development-services/centre-accessibility/faculty-and-staff-disabilities>). For support and assistance with accommodation questions, contact accessibility@ubc.ca.

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, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates who are from at least one of the federally designated groups (FDG) are encouraged to apply.

In accordance with UBC's CRC Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Action Plan, [<https://research.ubc.ca/federal-researchchair-programs/canada-research-chairs/ubcs-commitment-equity-diversity-and>] and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members in one or more of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities (members of groups that are racially categorized), persons with disabilities, and Indigenous Peoples. Currently, UBC has a gap in representation for people with disabilities. Until such time as this is remedied, the names of those self-identifying as having a disability will be provided separately to the search committee, in order for them to follow preferential hiring strategies. Applicants to Canada Research Chair positions are asked to complete this equity survey (https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJH0l7SfPxRMu9) as part of the application process, and applicants must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the designated equity 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 when completing the equity survey in order 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 restricted process, and to

advance accessibility, equity, and fair adjudication in this process. Equity Survey Data will be collected by the UBC Equity & Inclusion Office and shared confidentially with the search committee. Responses will be stored in a secure database.

The Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus acknowledges that the land on which we work takes place on the unceded, ancestral, and currently occupied territory of the Syilx Okanagan Peoples. As faculty, staff and students, we recognize that we have continuous work to do in learning, unlearning, reflecting, and taking action towards decolonization, reconciliation, and the centring and celebrating of Indigenous Knowledges, Peoples, and Leadership.