Chair, Indigenous Studies
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby/Vancouver/Surrey

Simon Fraser University (SFU) is Canada’s most community-engaged research university, with three thriving urban campuses in British Columbia’s largest municipalities: Vancouver, Burnaby, and Surrey. SFU respectfully acknowledges the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), səl̓ilwətaɈ (Tsleil-Waututh), qi̓c̓aʔ (Katzie), kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem), Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen peoples on whose unceded traditional territories the three campuses reside. The SFU community includes more than 35,000 students and nearly 3,000 faculty and staff. SFU consistently ranks among the top 20 Canadian universities in terms of its annual research income and impact.

The Department of Indigenous Studies is part of the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (FASS) which is an internationally recognized leader in broad-based liberal education whose strength lies in its diversity, high-caliber curricula, world-class pedagogy, innovations in research, and its vibrant academic community. Engaging and interdisciplinary, Indigenous Studies encompasses a wide range of academic subjects.

Partnering with Indigenous and other communities and individuals, the department builds dynamic relationships that restore and revitalize traditional knowledges, ancient and modern aesthetics, and literatures.

The Chair will serve as a member of the Faculty’s senior administration with shared responsibility for the overall management of the Faculty. Through strategic and visionary leadership, the Chair will encourage an interdisciplinary approach, support academic excellence, and continue to enhance the advancement of research, scholarship and teaching. They will continue to build an enhanced student experience and will attract and support world-class faculty members.

As a candidate for Chair, you will have a PhD or equivalent academic qualification in a discipline relevant to Indigenous Studies, along with an track record of teaching, research, and service sufficient for appointment as a tenured Associate or Full Professor at SFU. You will demonstrate a sincere interest and commitment to the breadth of programming in the department and meaningfully advocate for the wide range of research and education taking place in the department.

With a passion for academic excellence and the student experience, you will be committed to collegiality, collaboration, and transparency. Through strong people skills, an inclusive approach and respect for diversity, inclusion and reconciliation, you are a proven relationship- and community-builder with the vision to advance the department’s academic mission, nationally and internationally.

This is an exciting opportunity for an academic leader whose passion, communication and
interpersonal skills will propel the impact of the department locally, nationally and internationally.

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