

## **The Legacy for Airway Health Chair in Promotion of Lung Health**

Simon Fraser University (SFU) is Canada's leading comprehensive university. The Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) is the largest hospital-based research organization in Western Canada and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in Canada. In collaboration, SFU and the VCHRI seek applicants for The Legacy for Airway Health Chair in Promotion of Lung Health. This opportunity is intended for emerging scholars at the rank of assistant or associate professor (or those who possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed to these levels).

### **The Position**

The primary focus of the Chair is research, education and leadership that addresses issues of vulnerability and susceptibility through an integrated program that promotes airway health. We seek a colleague to:

- Engage in world-class quantitative research and education on this thematic focus, targeting population-level resiliency and adaptation to threats to lung health.
- Establish a robust interdisciplinary, translational research program in one or more relevant areas including: climate change, occupational health, smoking/vaping, Indigenous health, and health literacy. Other foci consistent with the overall intent of the position will be considered.
- Educate and equip the next generation of airway health researchers to become future leaders in this field.
- Adopt an integrated knowledge translation lens, rooted in strong collaboration with affected parties, and inform development and implementation of policy and practice.

The successful applicant will:

- Hold a PhD degree in a relevant field such as biostatistics, epidemiology, data science, informatics, exposure science, or public health; or hold an MD degree with graduate-level training in a relevant field.
- Be eligible to hold a tenured or tenure-track faculty appointment at the University.
- Have attained or have the potential to attain national, and ultimately international, recognition as a leader in airway health research.

### **The Faculty of Health Sciences**

The Faculty is located on the unceded traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem), Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations at the SFU Burnaby campus. Created in 2005, The Faculty's mission is to improve the health of individuals and populations and to reduce health inequities through excellence in interdisciplinary research and education, in partnership with local, national and global communities. The Faculty is committed to social justice, respect for human dignity, and equity. The successful candidate will join a diverse and dynamic team of more than 50 multi-disciplinary faculty members and will have the opportunity to engage with and teach outstanding students in the PhD, MSc, MPH, and BA/BSc programs. The Faculty maintains collaborative agreements and partnerships with the BC government, regional health authorities, the First Nations Health Authority, research centres, and other health agencies.

## **Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute**

VCHRI is located on the unceded traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the səliilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations. VCHRI's mission is to lead and excel in the generation of health knowledge through discovery, education, application and evaluation. The core values of VCHRI are integrity, accountability, collaboration, equity, and community/patient-focus.

## **Legacy for Airway Health (LAH)**

LAH is embedded within VCHRI and its mission is to lead and accelerate the creation and translation of knowledge into world-class prevention of, and care for, persons living with asthma and COPD. LAH is rooted in the philosophy that remediating the huge burden of asthma and COPD requires strategic research to understand and apply evidence-based tactics for prevention and delivery of optimal care for those who suffer from these airway diseases.

## **Application Process**

Please submit a letter of application, a full curriculum vitae, a brief statement of research plans for the next five years (three page maximum), and a teaching statement detailing teaching interests and experience (one page maximum). Please also provide the names and contact details of three academic references. SFU recognizes that alternative career paths and/or career interruptions (e.g., parental leave, leave due to illness) can impact research achievements and commits to ensuring that leaves are taken into careful consideration. Candidates are encouraged to highlight in their application how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted their careers.

These materials should be submitted electronically to [fhs\\_recruit@sfu.ca](mailto:fhs_recruit@sfu.ca) with the subject "Chair in Promotion of Lung Health." Please indicate your legal status to work in Canada in your letter of application.

The search committee will begin to review applications on September 30, 2022. The position will remain open until filled. Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to Cheri Danton, FHS Confidential Secretary, at [fhssecy@sfu.ca](mailto:fhssecy@sfu.ca).

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are essential to SFU's excellence as an engaged university. In keeping with SFU's strategic vision, which pledges to foster a culture of inclusion and mutual respect and to celebrate diversity among faculty, SFU is committed to ensuring that no individual is denied access to employment opportunities for reasons unrelated to ability or qualifications. SFU is dedicated to building a diverse faculty by advancing the interests of underrepresented groups, specifically women, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, and sexual and gender diverse communities. We strongly encourage individuals from these groups to apply. We are especially interested in candidates with a demonstrated history of advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusion.

SFU offers several benefits and services aimed at creating a more inclusive and accessible campus community for faculty. Please see the Faculty Relations, Benefits and Service page for more details. SFU is also committed to ensuring that the application and interview process is accessible to all applicants; if you require accommodations or have questions about SFU benefits, services,

accommodations policies, or equity considerations please contact the Specialist, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Faculty Relations.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Under the authority of the University Act personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see the [Collection Notice](#).