

## University of British Columbia – Okanagan Campus Appointment of Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Development

UBC Okanagan is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation.

The Faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO) invites applications for the next Dean of the Faculty. The Faculty is in a moment of exciting change and ready to elevate and grow its activities. This position represents an outstanding opportunity to take on a leadership role at one of the world's top universities and at a smaller, growing campus with excellent engagement with the community and wider region. The anticipated start date is January 1st, 2023 or upon a date to be mutually agreed.

The critical health challenges of our day transcend disciplines. At UBC Okanagan, the Faculty of Health and Social Development assumes its responsibilities at the centre of dialogue and activity depending on health professionals working collaboratively to bring our combined experiences, expertise, and knowledge to bear on the questions of our time. The Faculty comprises three schools: the School of Health and Exercise Sciences, School of Nursing and School of Social Work, each provide training to future healthcare professionals. Research strengths range across a number of areas including in Health and Exercise Sciences (Sensorimotor Neuroscience and Neuromuscular Physiology; Health Behavior Change; and, Cardiovascular and Respiratory Physiology), in Nursing (Palliative and End of life care; Health Equity; Health technologies in health systems; Indigenous Health promotion; Chronic disease prevention and healthy living; Aging and Health; Maternal Child Health; Rural Health; Youth health promotion; and, Integrated health systems and service delivery), and in Social Work (Mental Health; Homelessness; Child Welfare; and, Disability).

UBC's Okanagan campus is home to over 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, 668 faculty members and nine Faculties and Schools. With the campus rapidly emerging as a research powerhouse, UBC Okanagan students receive outstanding education in a stimulating student-centric learning environment. Over the last five years, campus research income has more than doubled. Success rates at the Canadian tri-councils (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR) have consistently exceeded national averages. Faculty have formal research partnerships with over 100 organizations (including local non-profits, regional small and medium enterprises, national and multinational corporations, regional health authorities, hospitals and municipalities). Faculty activities extend beyond the main campus to the Innovation UBC hub, which is located downtown in the midst of the Okanagan's thriving tech ecosystem. In 2019, UBC Okanagan published Outlook 2040, a visioning exercise which positions the campus as one of the fastest growing post-secondary institutions in Canada. Reporting to the Provost & Vice-President, Academic, the Dean will serve as a key member of the campus leadership team and will have overall responsibility for academic leadership and administration in the Faculty. The ideal candidate will be a visionary and collaborative leader who excels at building relationships and has a commitment to transparency. They will have a commitment to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion across all aspects of the academic enterprise and experience recruiting and mentoring excellent faculty, and leading and managing change in a university. As part of the University's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, UBC Okanagan has committed to supporting and implementing five key commitments, which can be found at <https://ok.ubc.ca/about/indigenous-engagement/>. The ideal candidate will therefore also have a strong commitment to Indigenous engagement. The candidate must hold a PhD in the health sciences or a related field and must qualify for appointment at the rank of Professor with tenure in the Faculty.

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the community and wider region. Big thinking and bold ambitions are required to further support the Okanagan campus toward even greater impact and service to the people and communities of British Columbia and beyond.

UBC Okanagan is partnering with the executive search firm Perrett Laver on this search. Applications should consist of a full CV detailing academic and professional qualifications and relevant achievements, and should be accompanied by a cover letter describing how candidates meet the selection criteria, why the appointment is of interest, and what they believe they can bring to the role. The closing date for applications is **12 noon (Pacific Time) on Sunday, June 19th**. Further information, including details of how to apply, can be downloaded at [perrettlaver.com/candidates](http://perrettlaver.com/candidates) quoting reference **5661**.

*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 will be given priority.*

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