Vice-Principal, Research and Innovation (Okanagan) and Associate Vice-President, Research
University of British Columbia

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a global centre for excellence in teaching, learning and research, consistently ranked among the top 10 public universities in North America. UBC’s vision is to inspire people, ideas and actions for a better world, fostering global citizenship and advancing a sustainable and just society. Since 1915, UBC has been opening doors of opportunity for people with the curiosity and drive to make a difference. Today, UBC is home to over 70,000 students, supported by a $3.8-billion annual budget and 19,000 faculty and staff.

UBC’s two main campuses are located in Vancouver and in Kelowna, on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Musqueam and Syilx (Okanagan) peoples, and the University has sites and activities that take place on Indigenous lands throughout BC and beyond. UBC has a deep commitment to leading the advancement of Indigenous people’s human rights and aspires to be a global leader in this regard.

The University opened its Okanagan campus in 2005 as a bold new UBC presence in the interior of British Columbia, designed to deliver on the promise of a research-intensive institution purpose-built for the 21st century.

Over the past 18 years, UBC’s Okanagan campus has developed a distinctive learning community earning national and international recognition for excellence in research and teaching. The campus is home to approximately 12,000 undergraduate and graduate students, 688 faculty members, over 1,200 staff, and 9 world-class Faculties and Schools. Annual research funding has increased over 290% in the last decade. With over 1,100 active research projects last year, the Okanagan campus is establishing itself as an important and respected centre of learning and research and as a driver of economic and social development in the Interior of BC.

The Faculties on the Okanagan campus include Engineering, Education, Creative and Critical Studies, Arts, Sciences, Management, Health and Social Development, Graduate Studies, and the Southern Medical Program, along with research institutes related to community engaged research, inclusion and citizenship, healthy living, materials and manufacturing, and biodiversity.

Reporting to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Principal of the Okanagan Campus, and to the Vice-President Research and Innovation for UBC, the Vice-Principal, Research, provides strategic direction and oversight to UBC Okanagan’s expansive research enterprise. The Vice-Principal is an integral member of both the senior leadership team for the Okanagan campus, and the senior team in UBC’s system-wide Vice-President Research office. The Vice-Principal, alongside the Principal, Provost (Okanagan), and campus Deans will play a critical leadership role in advancing towards the goals set out in the Okanagan’s long-term vision, Outlook 2040.

The ideal candidate will be appointable as a professor at UBC and bring a passion for research across a range of fields. You will bring administrative experience in a research-intensive university having sat on cross-campus committees and in institutional or research leadership roles, such as Associate Dean or Director of an Institute or Centre. The ideal candidate will bring strong relationship building skills and an open and collaborative approach. In support of UBC’s vision, and to promote the overall economic and social development of the region, the Vice-Principal will be a visible leader in the
community, building productive relationships with a wide range of stakeholders and research partners.

UBC’s Okanagan campus is located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation. The campus sits on over 200 hectares in a region that has 5 of Canada’s largest ski resorts, 200 freshwater lakes, 30 beaches, and 2,000 hours of sunshine annually. This role represents an outstanding opportunity to bring vision and energy to a strategic leadership position at one of the world’s top universities—at a campus that is vibrant, intimate, and actively engaged with its local community and partners.

To explore this exceptional opportunity further, please contact our Search Consultants at Boyden at ubcovpri@boyden.com or at (604) 685-0261. To apply directly, please click Apply and submit your cover letter and resume.

*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.*

The expected salary range for this position is $260k-$290k.

*We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. Please note that we will only be in contact with those individuals moving forward with our client.*