Chair, Associate Professor

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Department of Computer Science
Faculty of Science and Engineering
Tenured, Full-time

The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) invites applications for a tenured, Chair’s position in the Department of Computer Science at the rank of Associate Professor, with proposed starting date of July 1, 2022. As an institution committed to the fostering of an inclusive and transformative learning environment, UNBC values high quality and growth in both teaching and scholarship.

Reporting to the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, the Chair will be committed to the mission and values of UNBC while providing creative and inspirational leadership to the Department of Computer Science. The successful candidate will have the unique opportunity to lead a dynamic team of established and junior faculty who are committed to the highest standards of excellence and innovation in Computer Science education and research. The Chair will lead the Department in designing and delivering high impact, industrially and community relevant research and knowledge translation programs intended to be responsive to the needs of northern British Columbia and beyond. This Chair position is for a 5-year renewable term and the appointment will be accompanied by a tenured academic position at the rank of Full or Associate Professor.

The ideal candidate will be a person of vision with a desire to lead the development of computer science education, and research and community engagement in a northern setting. An articulate spokesperson for Computer Science, the Chair will be energetic, innovative, and recognized by peers for effective teaching and research. The Chair will be known for their interdisciplinary approaches and ability to connect with students, fellow academics, the computer science community, and the community-at-large. Experience or aptitude for external fundraising, industry and inter-institutional academic partnerships, international cooperation, Indigenous engagement, and infrastructure development will be valuable assets.

Applicants for this position must hold a PhD in a relevant discipline and have a growing record of scholarly activity, as well as present evidence of and commitment to teaching excellence. For this position, we seek an individual with particular expertise in software engineering, computer architectures, cyber security, or machine learning. Strong candidates from other emerging areas will also be considered.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Employment Equity

The University of Northern British Columbia is fully committed to creating and maintaining an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment that is accessible to all. We are devoted to ensuring a welcoming, safe, and inclusive campus free from harassment, bullying, and discrimination. This commitment is woven into our motto and mission. In the Dakelh language, UNBC’s motto ‘En Cha Huná translates to “he/she/they also live” and means respect for all living things. Through the respect for all living things, we are able to grow and learn better together, each bringing our own unique individual differences and contributions to inspire leaders for tomorrow by influencing the world today.
Employment equity requires that we remove barriers and overcome both direct and indirect discrimination. In this way, the pool of excellent candidates increases substantially. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, colour, religion, sex, place of origin, age, physical disability, mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and any other prohibited grounds of discrimination as outlined in the BC Human Rights Code.

About the University and its Community

Since its founding in 1990, the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) has emerged as one of Canada's best small research-intensive universities, with a passion for teaching, discovery, people, and the North. UNBC’s excellence is derived from community-inspired research, hands-on learning, and alumni who are leading change around the world.

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have walked gently on the diverse traditional territories where the University of Northern British Columbia community is grateful to live, work, learn, and play. We are committed to building and nurturing relationships with Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge their traditional lands, and we thank them for their hospitality. UNBC’s largest campus in Prince George is located on the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T’enneh, in the spectacular landscape near the geographic centre of beautiful British Columbia.

UNBC’s three regional campuses are located in Quesnel, Fort St. John, and Terrace. The South-Central campus in Quesnel is situated on the traditional territory of the Lhtako Dené (Red Bluff Band), Nazko, Lhoos’k’uz Dené Nation (Klusksus Band), and Esdilagh First Nations (formerly Alexandria Band). Lhtako, Nazko, and Lhoos’k’uz are Dakelh First Nations, and Esdilagh is a member of the Tsilhqot’in Nation. The Peace River-Liard campus in Fort St. John is situated on the traditional territory of the Doig River, Blueberry River and Halfway River First Nations. They are the Dunne-Za people. The Northwest campus in Terrace is situated on traditional Ts’msyen (Tsimshian) territory of the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas First Nations. It includes a satellite campus in the coastal community of Prince Rupert.

UNBC consistently ranks in the top three in its category in the annual Maclean’s university rankings. UNBC also recently placed among the top five per cent of higher education institutions worldwide by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

With a diverse student population, the University is friendly, inclusive, and supportive. Prince George is a city of ~74,000 people with impressive cultural, educational, and recreational amenities. For more information about living and working in Prince George, please refer to http://www.unbc.ca/experience and https://moveupprincegeorge.ca. Make your mark with this leading post-secondary institution.

To Apply

The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from the four designated groups (women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities) as well as the LGBTQ2+ communities and individuals with intersectional identities.

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact UNBC Health & Wellbeing at wellbeing@unbc.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.
Applicants should forward the following documents to FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca or mail to Office of the Provost quoting the posting number (#FACPSC01-21 SWA):

- cover letter indicating potential contributions to the Program;
- curriculum vitae;
- a brief statement of teaching approaches and research program;
- the names and addresses of three references (including telephone and email information); and
- the Statement of Eligibility to Work in Canada form, which can be found here: https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/human-resources/statementofemploymenteligibilityjan0520221.pdf.

Voluntary Form:
- the Self-Identification form, which can be found here: https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/human-resources/finalunbcself-idfillablernovember2021.pdf

Mail Submissions: Office of the Provost, University of Northern British Columbia
3333 University Way, Prince George, B.C., V2N 4Z9

Email Submissions: FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca

Inquiries: Deborah Roberts, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering
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(250) 960-5205

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. We thank all applicants for their interest in UNBC however, only those applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted.

Applications received on or before January 31, 2022, will receive full consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.