Department Chair
Department of Computer Science
University of Victoria

We invite applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Computer Science as a tenured Associate Professor or tenured Professor effective on or before September 1, 2022. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in the field of Computer Science.

Candidates will usually have a strong record of teaching, research and service at a university, but candidates from industry with a strong research and teaching record, who have been recognized for their mentorship and leadership are also encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated track record for, strong academic leadership, a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, and strong teaching and scholarly activities.

The Department, situated within the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, offers B.Sc. Major, Honours and minor degrees in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Software Engineering program, jointly offered with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. It offers several joint programs combining Computer Science with Geography, Health Information Sciences, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Psychology, Statistics and Visual Arts. The department offers Masters and Doctoral programs and there are currently 133 graduate students. It also offers a one-year course-based Master of Engineering in Applied Data Science, jointly with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Both undergraduate and graduate students can benefit from a cooperative education program.

There are currently 33 faculty members, fifteen members having joined the Department in the past five years, creating a dynamic environment with opportunities for growth and development. The Engineering/Computer Science (ECS) building opened in Oct. 2006 and the Department has two Canada Research Chairs and CFI funded laboratories. There is a planned extension to the ECS building, which will include multi-disciplinary space. More information on the Department is available at https://www.uvic.ca/ecs/computerscience.

Requirements

Reporting to the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, the Chair of the department is responsible for providing strategic and administrative leadership to the department’s programs. The successful candidate will have the ability to maintain the confidence and cooperation of the department and provide leadership in the pursuit of excellence in Teaching, Research and Scholarly Activity. In addition to the regular academic duties, they will promote equity, diversity and inclusion; uphold and foster collegial governance with the department, the Dean’s Office, and other administrative units of the University; advocate for and support faculty members, staff and students in their work; and effectively and efficiently manage the department’s administrative affairs, exercising good judgment in decision-making. High-level interpersonal skills, good judgment, a consultative and collegial approach, and a proven record of success as a leader in an academic setting is required. For more information, please review the Position profile and the Duties of the Chair, page 152 of the University of Victoria Collective Agreement.

To be considered, please submit a cover letter outlining past experience in leadership and teaching and scholarly activities, a curriculum vitae, a one-page EDI statement, and the contact information for at least six references, to https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/21010 addressed to the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. You are asked to upload your C.V. and other personal information to this service, which is provided for the convenience of you and your referees. The service stores data on servers located outside of Canada; the data is therefore not in the custody or under the control of the University of Victoria. You may wish to review the privacy statement on https://academicjobsonline.org. If you do not wish to use this service, please submit your complete application package to:
In order to be considered, applications must be received by March 8, 2022. The committee will start reviewing applications in late February, 2022.

Please note that reference and background checks, including credential and degree verification, may be undertaken as part of this recruitment process.

The University of Victoria is consistently ranked in the top tier of Canada’s research-intensive universities. Vital impact drives the UVic sense of purpose. As an internationally renowned teaching and research hub, we tackle essential issues that matter to people, places and the planet. Situated in the Pacific Rim, our location breeds a profound passion for exploration. Defined by its edges, this extraordinary environment inspires us to defy boundaries, discover, and innovate in exciting ways. It’s different here, naturally and by design. We live, learn, work and explore on the edge of what’s next—for our planet and its peoples. Our commitment to research-inspired dynamic learning and vital impact make this Canada’s most extraordinary environment for discovery and innovation.

The University of Victoria Campus is located on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish Peoples and we are privileged to do our work in a way that is inspired by their history, customs and culture.

The University of Victoria is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity and inclusion in its living, learning and work environments. In pursuit of its values, UVic seeks members who work respectfully and constructively with differences and across all levels of power. UVic actively encourages applications from members of groups experiencing barriers to equity. Read our full equity statement here: www.uvic.ca/equitystatement.

The University acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions can have on a candidate’s record of research achievement. We encourage applicants to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions have had on their record.

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact Faculty Relations and Academic Administration in the Office of the VP Academic and Provost at FRrecruit@uvic.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

Faculty and Librarians at the University of Victoria are governed by the provisions of the Collective Agreement. Members are represented by the University of Victoria Faculty Association (www.uvicfa.ca).

All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply; in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadian and permanent residents will be given priority. Please indicate in your application package if you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.