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## School of Social Work

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**Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR), Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Substance Misuse**

**UBC Job Opening ID 36812**

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The School of Social Work at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan Campus invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor and Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Substance Misuse, commencing July 1, 2021.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for a Tier 2 CRC position. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars who have been active researchers in their fields for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination. Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned a PhD, for whom legitimate career interruptions exist, such as parental or extended sick leave, may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process - [Chairs Program](#). Please contact the UBC CRC office at [ubc.crc@ubc.ca](mailto:ubc.crc@ubc.ca) for more information. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website at [www.chairs.gc.ca](http://www.chairs.gc.ca) for full program information, including further information on eligibility criteria.

The legitimate impact that leaves (e.g. maternity leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

The ideal candidate will have an established program of research in substance misuse research, with a proven ability to attract external funding, a strong record of experience in substance misuse research/practice, and evidence of excellence in graduate teaching and supervision. Applicants are to have a PhD in social work or related discipline.

As a community-based researcher the successful candidate will be engaged in:

- Increasing our understanding of effective interventions in substance misuse and harm reduction.
- increasing our understanding of effective knowledge mobilization to help grow the platform for a truly and necessary societal response to substance use related harms and overdose.
- Becoming a regional and national leader in minimizing/mitigating the harms of substance use.

The University of British Columbia ranks as one of the top 20 public universities in the world. Our Okanagan campus offers an intimate, highly interdisciplinary, and strongly community engaged teaching, learning and research environment, and the School of Social Work Faculty are leading or involved in many of these initiatives. Students in this Masters Program comprise a diverse group with national and international experience who actively participate in shaping our program, our campus, and our community.

With its mild winters and warm summers, the city of Kelowna is one of Canada's best 'four season playgrounds' surrounded by mountains, lakes, forests, orchards, and vineyards. It enjoys a reputation as one of Canada's 'fittest' cities as well as being home to world class wineries, golf courses, and skiing

The School is situated within the Faculty of Health and Social Development, a dynamic faculty comprised of Social Work, Nursing, and Health and Exercise Sciences whose complementary research and teaching interests have shaped numerous collaborations. The School's mission statement is to produce high impact internationally recognized research and to deliver high quality graduate level social work education, both intended to respond to the diverse needs of social work clients. The School is a collaborative, collegial environment, and we take seriously our responsibility to provide mentoring and support to faculty such that



their successes are maximized. Further information on the School of Social Work is available at: <https://socialwork.ok.ubc.ca/>

The School of Social Work is the only accredited MSW program in British Columbia dedicated to clinical social work practice. Our School is home to active programs of research focused on some of the most challenging health and social issues facing Canadians. Our work transforms individuals and communities and significantly impacts our local, provincial, national and international research partners and the organizations and communities in which they are situated. In 2018, the combined productivity of the Schools of Social Work at Okanagan and Vancouver campuses was recognized as being the top 3 most frequently cited among Canadian Schools and Faculties of Social Work. Professorial stream faculty typically hold substantial levels of extra-curricular funding at the national levels. Our School has five principal areas of research excellence: scholarship in child welfare, disability studies, homelessness research, mental health research, and substance misuse research.

In accordance with UBC's CRC Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Action Plan, and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities (members of groups that are racially categorized), persons with disabilities, and Indigenous Peoples. Applicants to Canada Research Chair positions are asked to complete this [Applicant Equity Survey](#) as part of the application, and candidates from these groups must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the designated equity groups to be considered for the position. Because the search is limited to those self-identifying as members of designated equity groups, candidates must also provide their name to be considered.

Personal information is collected under the authority of sections 26(a) and 26(c) of the BC *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The information you provide will only be used to determine whether you qualify for participation in this hiring process. Data will be collected by the Equity & Inclusion Office and only the names of those who identify as women, visible minorities (member of groups that are racially categorized) and/or Indigenous Peoples will be shared with the search committee. Currently, UBC has a gap in representation for people with disabilities. Until such time as this is remedied, the names of those self-identifying as having a disability will be provided separately to the search committee. Responses will be stored in a secure database.

**How to Apply:**

**Applications are submitted online here:** <https://www.hr.ubc.ca/careers-postings/faculty-s.php>

**Search for Job Opening ID# 36812 and should include:**

- (i) a cover letter,
- (ii) a curriculum vitae;
- (iii) a statement of research program;
- (iv) a statement on teaching interests and accomplishments
- (v) evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., teaching/course evaluations); and,

(viii) At least three (3) letters of reference from three (3) referees to be sent to the Recruitment Committee Chair via email to the School of Social Work Director's Assistant, Jacqui Gerow [jacqui.gerow@ubc.ca](mailto:jacqui.gerow@ubc.ca) .

UBC welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. The University is also committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable work environment for all members of its workforce, and in particular, for its employees with disabilities. An inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities presumes an environment where differences are accepted, recognized and integrated into current structures, planning and decision-making models. For contact information regarding UBC's accommodations and access policies and resources, please visit the Centre for Accessibility website at: [Centre for Accessibility](#).



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Accommodations are available on request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. *To confidentially request accommodations, please contact: Jacqui Gerow, Assistant to the Director, School of Social Work, UBCO via email @ [jacqui.gerow@ubc.ca](mailto:jacqui.gerow@ubc.ca) and write in the subject line: CIHR CRC in Substance Misuse Accommodations Request.*

Inquiries may be directed to the Assistant to the Director, Jacqui Gerow at: [jacqui.gerow@ubc.ca](mailto:jacqui.gerow@ubc.ca). All correspondence must indicate the competition title (CIHR CRC in Substance Misuse) in the subject line of the e-mail.

Review of applications will commence **September 15, 2020 and will continue to be reviewed until November 1st, 2020**. Salary will be commensurate with educational qualifications and experience and is subject to final budgetary approval.