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UBC President's Excellence Chair in Precision Oncology

The University of British Columbia (UBC) seeks to advance cancer research as a priority area with the recruitment of a President's Excellence Chair in Precision Oncology. Precision Oncology is a major multidisciplinary driver for cancer researchers at UBC and the BC Cancer Agency (BCCA), in partnership with other affiliated institutions, notably the Children & Women's Health Centre, Vancouver Coastal Health, and collaborators at the Life Sciences Centre and Centre for Drug Research and Development.

The role of the research Chair will be to enhance UBC and BCCA's capacity in precision oncology clinical trials, and facilitate the translation of new genomic assays and other biomarkers to improve our understanding of currently incurable metastatic cancers, with an interest in the use of whole genome and single cell sequencing technologies and proteomics to study treatment resistance. The Chair will work closely within a rich environment of cancer researchers at the BCCA's Research Centre, including Canada's largest cancer genomics facility (Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre), UBC, and other affiliated institutions. The Chair will be expected to lead and coordinate a program focused on Precision Oncology at UBC and the BC Cancer Agency, and will combine world-class research with focused and specialized clinical activities at the BC Cancer Agency's Vancouver Centre. The role is empowered by dedicated, protected time for academic activities. The successful candidate will hold an academic appointment at UBC, a clinical appointment at the BC Cancer Agency, and a Scientist appointment at the BC Cancer Agency's Research Centre.

The successful candidate will be a clinician scientist with established expertise in relevant areas including oncology, genomics, clinical trials, novel drug evaluation and/or development, and practical experience in working in, and implementing precision oncology platforms and clinical trials, as well as an established record of teaching excellence. The Chair is open to an outstanding individual who is a leader in genomics and precision oncology, and will provide medical leadership to support growing needs in precision oncology at UBC and BCCA, enabling a structured approach to integrate cancer genomics in clinical trials and generate high quality knowledge that will ultimately lead to improved outcomes for cancer patients. Integration across genomics, bioinformatics, clinical oncology, biomarkers, and novel drug development are required to support many disease site programs at the BCCA, as well as successful growth of umbrella trials that are now being developed and led across the country by BCCA and other academic partners.

The successful candidate will have a MD, MD/PhD or equivalent degree with specialty training in oncology and additional training in health or basic research. The candidate should hold a valid practice license in medical or radiation oncology or other relevant specialty in his/her current jurisdiction. The candidate will have a successful track record of outstanding academic achievements, evidenced by high impact publications, success in attracting peer-reviewed research funding, and demonstrated results in translational research activities. The successful candidate must be eligible for registration by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, through the full or academic registration programs.

The salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position will include at least 70% protected academic time, with dedicated research funding to support the successful candidate for the first seven years of the program, and access to exceptional platforms in cancer biology, genomics, proteomics, conventional and molecular imaging and bioinformatics.

A letter of application, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and names of four referees should be directed to:

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Chair of the Search Committee

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Review of applications will begin on **September 1, 2017** will continue until the position is filled.

UBC embraces equity and diversity as integral to our academic mission. We encourage and support participation of the widest range of perspectives in our exploration and exchange of knowledge and ideas. An essential component of academic excellence is a truly open and diverse community that actively fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or excluded. We encourage applications from members of groups that have historically been marginalized, based on their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, racialization, disability, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit or indigenous person.

Appointment may be considered at a higher rank for a member of a designated equity group with exceptional qualifications. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The BC Cancer Agency, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, is committed to reducing the incidence of cancer, reducing the mortality from cancer, and improving the quality of life of those living with cancer. It provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of British Columbia by working with community partners to deliver a range of oncology services, including prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, research, education, supportive care, rehabilitation and palliative care. For more information, visit www.bccancer.ca.

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a global centre for research and teaching. Surrounded by the beauty of the Canadian West, UBC embraces bold new ways of thinking that attract exceptional students and faculty. It is a place where innovative ideas are nurtured in a globally connected research community, providing unparalleled opportunities to learn, discover and contribute.

Faculty members, students, staff and alumni in the **UBC Faculty of Medicine** are actively engaged in innovative, leading edge research, education and community service on university and hospital campuses across the Province. Together we aim to create knowledge and advance learning that will make a vital contribution to the health of individuals and communities, locally, nationally, and internationally.

For more information on the President's Excellence Chairs at UBC please visit: ubc.ca/excellence



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