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UBC President's Excellence Chair in Biodiversity Studies

The Biodiversity Research Centre at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada, invites applications for a President's Excellence Chair in Biodiversity Studies. We welcome applications from diverse candidates working in any area of biodiversity research, and on any organisms or ecosystems. Candidates are expected to have an innovative and integrative research program that would extend and complement existing faculty strengths in conservation biology, ecology, evolutionary biology, microbial evolution, physiology, and systematics. We are especially interested in candidates with a track record of effective societal engagement. The appointment is expected to be at the rank of Associate or Full Professor, according to the qualifications of the candidate. Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree, postdoctoral experience, and an outstanding research program, as well as demonstrated excellence in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level. UBC is close to marine, freshwater, temperate rainforest, grassland, alpine and boreal habitats. On-campus facilities include greenhouses, aquatic facilities, the UBC Farm and Botanical Garden, and the Beaty Biodiversity Museum. The appointment will begin no earlier than July 1, 2018.

The successful applicant will join the Biodiversity Research Centre, which provides exceptional opportunities to interact with an outstanding and collegial research community, develop strengths in research and graduate teaching, study and contribute to the Beaty Biodiversity Museum's collections (<http://beatymuseum.ubc.ca/>), and participate in the Museum's outreach efforts. The Chairholder also will become a member of the academic Department(s) and Faculty most closely associated with their research interests.

Queries and applications should be directed to Sally Otto <biodivsearch@biodiversity.ubc.ca>. Applicants should send, as a single pdf, a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research (maximum of 3 pages), statement of teaching accomplishments and/or interests (maximum of 2 pages), up to four publications, and the names and contact information for three referees.

Review of applications will begin in the fall and will continue until the position is filled (for full consideration, please submit materials by September 18, 2017).

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.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

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.

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