

Posting #21-133AC

Research Associate – Rural Health

Division of Medical Sciences

Term, Full-time

Purpose

The Division of Medical Sciences at UNBC, in partnership with the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc) and the UBC Chair for Rural Health, are looking for a forward-thinking individual with strong communication, research, management, and organizational skills that can help advance the Real-Time Virtual Support (RTVS) initiative, virtual health and clinical research in Northern BC in the context of rural and remote health. Although the position will be held at UNBC, it is envisaged that the incumbent will work within the Northern Centre for Clinical Research, a partnership between UNBC, UBC and Northern Health, which is planned to open in late 2021. This position will take direction from Dr. John Pawlovich, UBC Chair in Rural Health, and the RCCbc leadership team, while functionally reporting Dr. Paul Winwood, the Associate Vice President, Division of Medical Sciences at UNBC.

As a mandate of his appointment, Dr. John Pawlovich, UBC Chair, and the RCCbc research team will support the growth and development of an integrated rural health research program relevant to rural, remote and Indigenous populations of BC. Dr. Pawlovich also leads the Virtual Health Initiative for RCCbc and telemedicine will be a key focus of this research program.

The successful candidate will become an integral part of a team that is being created to support and develop clinical research programs and will be expected to provide guidance and leadership to advance various clinical research initiatives while working and collaborating with a diverse stakeholder group and multi-institutional research partners. The successful candidate will demonstrate an enthusiasm and drive for the challenge and task of building and advancing clinical research programs in an environment with limited existing research infrastructure.

Responsibilities

Specific areas of responsibility include the following:

- Conducts research and/or scholarship for Principal Investigators (PIs) in northern BC in collaboration with, and under the supervision of the UBC Chair for Rural Health and Associate Vice President, DMS; includes developing research proposals and methodologies in collaboration with faculty; writing protocols and co-authoring papers (preparation of peer-reviewed publications);
- Plans, arranges, and implements research activities as part of a team;
- Seeks, creates, and develops opportunities for engagement and research;
- Develops and writes reports, papers, presentations and grants;

- Interfaces between the research team and community organizations for research project management and event planning;
- Works with UNBC administration to assure proper management of project funds and personnel;
- Participates as part of the RCCbc Northern Node team including attending regular check ins and team events;
- Works in collaboration with the RCCbc RTVS team in supporting research and evaluation of the ongoing programs;
- Liaises and communicates with research team members and collaborators;
- Responsible to work with and mentor junior researchers according to experience levels;
- Will be required to directly supervise additional research personnel, including project specific research or administrative assistants;
- Collaborates with the RCCbc communications team to coordinate communication of RTVS research related content;
- Flexible to assume additional duties as deemed necessary.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Doctoral degree or combination of Masters/Professional degree and several years of experience (clinical or other origin).
- Experience (1-2+ years) with specific areas needed for success in the position.
- Able to work independently as well as collaboratively.
- Resourceful, organized, self-directed.
- Excellent written and oral communications skills.
- Ability to work with researchers and stakeholders from a range of disciplines and communities.
- Ability to synthesize research approaches across disciplines.

Salary

Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. UNBC offers employee tuition waivers (includes spouse and dependents), excellent benefit and pension packages, as well as employee training and development opportunities. For more details please see <http://www.unbc.ca/human-resources/employee-benefits>.

Normal hours of work will be 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

About the 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. 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 excellence is derived from community-inspired research, hands-on learning, and alumni who are leading change around the world.

For the past 10 years, UNBC has placed in the top three in its category in the annual Maclean's university rankings, the only University of its size to achieve that feat. UNBC also recently placed among the top four 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

Please forward your resume and proof of education quoting competition **#21-133AC** to:

Human Resources, University of Northern British Columbia,
3333 University Way, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9

Email submissions: HRecruit@unbc.ca
Inquiries: (250) 960-5521

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

We thank all applicants for their interest in UNBC however, only those applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.