

Dr. Donald Rix BC Leadership Chair in Indigenous Environmental Health Faculty of Human and Health Sciences Endowed Chair/Tenure-track

The University of Northern British Columbia invites applications for the BC Leadership Chair in Indigenous Environmental Health. The BC Leadership Chair in Indigenous Environmental Health will spearhead a program of research on interactions between natural and social environments, and health of Indigenous peoples. The Chair will have a primary academic appointment in the School of Health Sciences at UNBC, and will be expected to attract significant research funding and collaborators to rural British Columbia. The proposed starting date is July 1, 2022.

This endowed chair is available to a nationally or internationally renowned researcher at the Assistant Professor or above level. Applicants must demonstrate experience in building strong relationships with Indigenous communities, experience with honouring community protocols, and a strong commitment to cultural safety. The initial chair appointment will be for a term of up to five years, renewable indefinitely upon satisfactory review. Applicants for this position should hold a minimum of a PhD degree and have a growing record of scholarly activity, as well as present evidence of and commitment to teaching excellence.

Preference will be given to qualified candidates who self-identify as Indigenous in accordance with the BC Human Rights Code and the Employment Equity Act. Consideration may also be given to those who can otherwise demonstrate an ability to meet the requirements of the position specific to building and advancing Indigenous relationships.

UNBC has a main campus and regional campuses that are located on the territories of many Indigenous peoples. Our Prince George campus is situated on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. Our South-Central campus in Quesnel is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Lhtako Dene Nation, Nazko First Nation, Lhoosk'uz Dené Nation, and ?Esdilagh First Nation. Our Northeast campus in Fort St. John is situated in Treaty 8 territory on the traditional lands of the Dane-zaa peoples of the Doig River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation, and Halfway River First Nation. The Northwest campus in Terrace is situated on the unceded traditional Tsimshian territory of the Kitsumkalum First Nation and Kitselas First Nation. Our satellite campus in Prince Rupert is situated on the unceded traditional Tsimshian territory of the Lax Kw'alaams Band and Metlakatla First Nation. In addition to these campus locations, UNBC has a federated agreement with the Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute (WWNI). Established by the Nisga'a Lisims Government in 1993 and located in the Village of Gitwinksihlkw, WWNI is a fully accredited university-college serving all people in northwestern British Columbia.

UNBC serves a vast area whose people are closely tied to the land and the natural resources that are the foundation of the regional and provincial economies. The impacts of environmental and social change on the determinants of health are particularly apparent for Indigenous peoples who make up a larger proportion of the population than elsewhere in BC. The University of Northern British Columbia is unique in its northern and regional mandate. It is a university "in and for the north" and it is committed to serve

the needs of people in its vast region, home to many First Nations and Métis peoples. The Chair is expected to provide leadership within a rapidly growing health research team at UNBC. Provincial, national, and international collaborations and leadership in Indigenous environmental health are expected to develop from the appointment of the Chair. The Chair will be expected to teach up to six semester contact hours (two courses) per year. The Chair will be a key contributor to realizing the ambition of UNBC to become a leader in rural, remote and Indigenous health research and education.

About the University and its Community

Located in the spectacular landscape of northern British Columbia, UNBC is one of Canada's best small research-intensive universities, with a core campus in Prince George and three regional campuses in Northern BC (Quesnel, Fort St. John and Terrace). We have a passion for teaching, discovery, people, the environment, and the North. Our region is comprised of friendly communities, offering a wide range of outdoor activities including exceptional skiing, canoeing and kayaking, fly fishing, hiking, and mountain biking. The lakes, forests and mountains of northern and central British Columbia offer an unparalleled natural environment in which to live and work.

UNBC provides outstanding undergraduate and graduate learning opportunities that explore cultures, health, economies, sciences, and the environment. As one of BC's leading research-intensive universities, we bring the excitement of new knowledge to our students, and the outcomes of our teaching and research to the world. In addition to fostering and celebrating academic excellence, UNBC is a welcoming place, with a learning environment that is friendly, inclusive, and supportive.

Small classes and a connected community exemplify UNBC and mean that our students and professors get to know one another. Outstanding academics, hands-on research, unlimited adventure and a tight-knit campus community result in strong student satisfaction at UNBC.

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 4 per cent of higher education institutions worldwide in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

For more information about living and working with the University of Northern British Columbia please refer to <http://www.unbc.ca/experience> and http://www.unbc.ca/provost/new_faculty.html . Make your mark with this leading post-secondary institution.

To Apply

Applications must include:

1. Curriculum vitae that outlines academic, research, professional and/or industrial experience and primary area of expertise.
2. Research information which includes an annotated list of the five most significant contributions to research made during the applicant's career.
3. A list of all research contributions in the last five years, explaining any significant periods of interruption.
4. Evidence of national and international leadership in a relevant area of research focus or discipline.

5. Evidence of successful teaching and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students, and other research trainees.
6. A description of other activities that show impact, such as awards, consulting, contributions to professional practice or public policy; and memberships on committees, boards or policy-making bodies.
7. Research support information which includes a list of sources of support over the last five years held or currently applied for, either as an applicant or co-applicant; and a list of grants and contracts from all sources, including industry and academic research institutions. Please use the following headings: Support applied for; Support currently held; and Support held in the last five years and include project titles, funding source and program, amount per year and years of tenure.
8. A list of the names of 5 referees, with complete contact information.
9. A completed statement of eligibility to work in Canada form, which can be found here: <https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/human-resources/form-statementofeligibilitytoworkincanada-fillablepdf.pdf>.

Please forward your application quoting posting #FABCL01-21 to:

Office of the Provost, University of Northern British Columbia
3333 University Way, Prince George, B.C., V2N 4Z9

Email submissions: FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca
Inquiries: Dr. Kathy Lewis, Acting Vice-President of Research and Innovation
Kathy.lewis@unbc.ca
(250) 960-6110

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 received on or before January 4, 2022, will receive full consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.