

Faculty of Medicine

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Associate Professor, Tenure Track or Tenure | Department of Medical Genetics and BC Children's Hospital Research Institute

The Department of Medical Genetics, within the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute (BCCHRI) invite applications for a full-time (1.0 FTE) faculty position at the rank of Associate Professor, tenure track or tenure, dependent on the successful candidate's qualifications and experience. The successful applicant will also hold a concurrent appointment as an Investigator within the BCCHRI.

The UBC Department of Medical Genetics is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in basic and clinical research for diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of genetic diseases. The BCCHRI is the largest research institute of its kind in Western Canada, where more than 300 Investigators form a dynamic and highly collaborative research community that aims to improve the health of children and their families. The successful candidate will have opportunities to collaborate with a large and diverse community of basic scientists and clinicians.

UBC's Genetic Counselling Program is an established leader in the training of genetic counsellors, and is emerging as a leader on the international stage in the domain of genetic counsellor-driven research. We are seeking an academic Genetic Counsellor with expertise and experience to further the development of the genetic counselling profession as an academic discipline, improve the evidence base for genetic counselling practice in the era of genomic medicine, and to guide the vision and curriculum development required to propel UBC's Genetic Counselling Program to promote innovative practice models with the aim to improve the health of Canadians as it pertains to genetic counselling.

Candidates for this position must hold a MSc degree in genetic counseling, as well as a PhD in a related discipline. The incumbent will show demonstrated excellence in teaching and will be expected to participate in the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate teaching activities of the Department of Medical Genetics. In addition, the incumbent will have demonstrated excellence in research in the area of genetic counselling and a demonstrated understanding of genetics, genomics and genetic counselling. The candidate will have an established research program and a history of funding as a principal investigator at the national level for their genetic counselling research. In addition, demonstrated experience in program development is highly desirable; the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the development of a PhD program in Genetic Counseling for UBC. As a faculty member in the Department of Medical Genetics and an Investigator at the BCCHRI, it is expected that the successful candidate will continue to maintain a strong, externally-funded and internationally-competitive research program, supervise graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, collaborate with other faculty members, actively participate in service to the Department, Research Institute, University, and the academic/scientific community.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, detailed summary of research interests and impact of research program (maximum 5 pages), a statement of teaching accomplishments and interests, and names of four arm's length referees to:

Dr. Marco Marra Professor and Head Department of Medical Genetics University of British Columbia c/o Ada Tsui Email: Ada.Tsui@cw.bc.ca With subject line: MEDG GC18-53

Review of completed applications will begin on December 1, 2018 and continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date for this position is September 1, 2019, or a date to be mutually agreed.

The University of British Columbia is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world and 3<sup>rd</sup> largest university in Canada with an economic impact of 12.5 billion to the provincial economy. Since 1915, UBC's West Coast spirit has embraced innovation and challenged the status quo. Its entrepreneurial perspective encourages students, staff and faculty to challenge convention, lead discovery and explore new ways of learning. At UBC, bold thinking is given a place to develop into ideas that can change the world. As one of the world's leading universities, The University of British Columbia creates an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, 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.

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