THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
FACULTY POSITION DESCRIPTION (Job ID 34334)

RANK: Associate or Full Professor (tenure)

FACULTY: Faculty of Applied Science

DEPARTMENT: School of Community and Regional Planning

DESCRIPTION: Professor with Tenure (Job ID 34334)

SCARP: Knowledge in action – planning in partnership

The School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver campus, invites applications for a tenure position at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. The successful applicant should demonstrate a record of research excellence and academic leadership as well as a commitment to high quality professional planning education.

SCARP is internationally recognised for the excellence of its teaching and research. The School is committed to generating and transforming knowledge into action, by planning in partnership to improve lives and communities, as well as the quality of the built and natural environment. The School has research strengths in environmental planning, social planning and policy for inclusive communities (this includes housing), transportation planning and comparative international development planning as well as having teaching concentrations in Indigenous community planning and urban design. The School supports research activity which explores the interface between methodologies and/or disciplines.

Given the deepening challenges facing communities across the globe, the School is committed not just to generating new knowledge, but to evolving the theory and practice of how knowledge can frame action and help facilitate positive change. The School seeks new faculty members who can contribute to furthering SCARP’s vision and achievements.

The School’s high quality professionally oriented programs engage innovative and creative teaching practices and offer the chance to work with outstanding students. Our graduate planning program, the Masters of Community and Regional Planning, is accredited by both the Canadian Professional Standards Board and the United States Planning Accreditation Board. The School also has a Research Masters program, co-leads the Masters in Engineering Leadership (MEL) in Urban Systems (with Civil Engineering) and provides six undergraduate courses. The School has a well-established PhD program and is committed to a thriving and lively doctoral community. SCARP is unique in Canada for having a long-standing partnership with the Musqueam First Nation. Further information about SCARP can be found on our website at: www.scarp.ubc.ca.

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SCARP is located within the Faculty of Applied Science. The Faculty shares the School’s commitment to research and teaching which seeks to further knowledge in action. The synergies and opportunities offered by Applied Science provide a supportive context for the advancement of SCARP’s ambitions.

The successful candidate for the position will have a PhD in planning, or a related discipline, and be an internationally established scholar with a track record of independent scholarship, including sustained high-quality publications and an externally funded research program. Candidates must also be able to demonstrate a record of academic leadership and a commitment to service. Excellence in teaching in their areas of expertise and the mentorship of graduate students and junior faculty is also expected of candidates, as well as the ability to work in an interdisciplinary environment. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement or deepen our School’s strengths, but most importantly we are keen to appoint individuals who are committed to doing research that seeks to make an impact on the well-being of communities and the natural environment. Evidence of innovation and/or new ideas in relation to the theory and practice of knowledge mobilisation would be particularly welcomed. Applications are welcome from candidates in new fields of expertise for the School and/or emerging areas of scholarship.

Applicants should submit a letter stating their suitability for the position. The letter should include brief overviews of: (1) relevant experience and achievements; (2) your approach to teaching, including professional planning education; (3) your research goals, including how your research would deepen or complement the School’s existing strengths; and (4) a statement on how your research and teaching would contribute to a diverse academic environment. Please also include your current curriculum vitae and names and contact information (including email addresses) of four (4) referees. Applicants are encouraged to submit supplementary materials, including a teaching dossier (summarizing experience) and professional reports or samples of written work (no more than two). Please include your website address, if you have one. All applications must be submitted online at (www.facultycareers.ubc.ca/34334)

The first stage of selection will be based on applicants’ letter of application, CVs, and supplementary materials. At the second stage, referees will be contacted for short-listed candidates only. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2019. The search committee will begin reviewing applications in early November 2019. The anticipated start date for this position is July 1, 2020 or upon a date to be mutually agreed. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position is subject to final budgetary approval.

Informal inquiries about the position should be addressed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Professor Heather Campbell via email at heather.campbell@ubc.ca
The University of British Columbia acknowledges the Musqueam people on whose traditional and unceded territory the University resides.

UBC consistently ranks among the 40 best globally, and among the top 20 public universities in the world. Vancouver has a dynamic planning environment and is frequently rated as one of the world’s most desirable places to live. Times Higher Education (THE) ranks UBC number one in the world for taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts and ranked one in Canada for making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

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 of Canada will be given priority.