University of British Columbia  
Director of the School of Community and Regional Planning

The University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver campus invites applications for the position of Director of the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP).

The University of British Columbia, established in 1915, is one of the world’s leading universities. It is located in Metro Vancouver, a dynamic metropolitan region of over two million inhabitants on the west coast of Canada. A rapidly growing gateway to the Pacific Rim, Vancouver is at the forefront of urban planning and renowned for its commitment to sustainability. The region offers a dramatic natural context supporting diverse urban, suburban and agricultural landscapes. Together, the city and region provide an ideal laboratory for the study of urban planning and sustainable urban development.

SCARP is a discrete administrative unit within the UBC Faculty of Applied Science, which also includes the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, comprehensive engineering departments, and the School of Nursing. As such, it encompasses the entire built environment and promotes ‘Sustainable Smart Cities’ as a cross-faculty priority research pillar.

Founded in 1951, SCARP is one of the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive planning programs in Canada. Its core program, the professional Master’s in Community and Regional Planning (MCRP), is accredited by both the U.S. Planning Accreditation Board and the Canadian Planning Standards Board. The MCRP offers customizable specializations in planning as well as Urban Design and a pioneering Indigenous Community Planning specialization. SCARP has a strong research tradition and also offers thesis-based master’s (MA/Msc) and PhD degree programs. Select courses are taught at the undergraduate level. In collaboration with the Department of Civil Engineering, SCARP provides an Urban Systems specialization in the Master’s in Engineering Leadership (MEL) professional program. The School has 13 full-time faculty, 13-15 adjunct faculty, and approximately 100 students.

SCARP is seeking a Director to provide leadership during an exciting period of growth and transformation. SCARP is currently expanding its breadth of degree programs, and is building up a number of existing specializations such as Engineering Leadership in Urban Systems, Indigenous Community Planning, etc. The Director will be a dedicated, visionary and collaborative academic leader, with a distinguished record in teaching and research, and a strong commitment to educational programs. The successful candidate must have demonstrated leadership abilities and proven skills in management, communication, consensus-building, advocacy, and strategic planning. They will hold a Ph.D in Urban and Regional Planning or a closely related field, and must qualify for a tenured academic appointment at the rank of professor in the School. Additional experience in fund-raising and diversifying departmental revenue models would be considered a valuable asset.

For further information and details on how to apply, please download the Appointment Details via the Perrett Laver website by visiting www.perrettlaver.com/candidates and quoting reference 3065.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a 1-2 page statement describing research and teaching interests and accomplishments and names and contact information for four referees.

The closing date for applications is August 21, 2017.

For more information about UBC, visit www.ubc.ca. To learn more about the School of Community and Regional Planning, visit www.scarp.ubc.ca.
Applicants are asked to complete the following equity survey: https://survey.ubc.ca/s/SCARP-Director/. The survey information will not be used to determine eligibility for employment, but will be collated to provide data that can assist us in understanding the diversity of our applicant pool and identifying potential barriers to the employment of designated equity group members. Your participation in the survey is voluntary and anonymous. This survey takes only a minute to complete. You may self-identify in one or more of the designated equity groups. You may also decline to identify in any or all of the questions by choosing "not disclosed".

The University of British Columbia hires on the basis of merit and is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community. We especially welcome applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.