The Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC), in partnership with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), is seeking applications for appointment to the First Nations Health Authority Chair in Cancer and Wellness at UBC. The successful candidate will be recommended for a tenure-track or tenure appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor in the School of Population and Public Health, dependent on the successful candidate’s qualifications and experience. This appointment is for a five (5) year term, and is subject to renewal for an additional five (5) year term, subject to satisfactory review. The Chair will hold offices at both FNHA and UBC; as both FNHA and UBC have office locations across the province, there is flexibility in the geographic location of the Chair. The Chair will also serve as a member in the Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health (CEIH) under the School of Population and Public Health (SPPH) within the Faculty of Medicine (FoM).

The FNHA operates as one component entity of a unique and unprecedented First Nations health governance structure established by and for British Columbia (BC) First Nations. Upholding the 7 Directives adopted by First Nations leadership, this governance structure supports First Nations to be involved in decision-making on health and wellness policy, strategy, programs and services that impact them. Within this governance structure, the FNHA’s mission is to support BC First Nations individuals, families and communities to achieve and enjoy the highest level of health and wellness by working with First Nations on their health and wellness journeys, honouring traditions and cultures, and championing First Nations health and wellness within the FNHA organization and with FNHA partners. The UBC Faculty of Medicine is committed to fostering excellence in education, research and service that contributes to the health of individuals and communities locally, nationally, and internationally. The School of Population and Public Health is one of UBC’s research-intensive units. SPPH emphasizes prevention, equity, and application of evidence to improve and maintain the health of the population. The UBC Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health is dedicated to advancing Indigenous people’s health through education, innovative thinking, research, and traditional practice. The Centre works to improve wellness, healthcare and patient outcomes, and to promote self-determination that includes increasing Indigenous leadership in all aspects of health and healthcare.

Accountable to a joint FNHA-UBC Advisory Committee and guided by the Vision, Values and 7 Directives of the FNHA, the successful candidate will be expected to develop evidence and research and deliver education related to cancer, disease prevention and control associated with chronic diseases among First Nations peoples, including protective strategies, addressing risk, cultural and spiritual considerations, and knowledge requirements. As part of an active knowledge exchange and partnership with First Nations communities, the incumbent will be a key ambassador within the health and wellness ecosystem, including building partnerships provincially, nationally and locally that are responsive to First Nations’ needs, promote the health and wellness of First Nations people, and advance the health and wellness goals the FNHA and the University.

The preferred candidate should have a MD and/or a PhD in a health sciences related discipline, a proven track record in obtaining peer reviewed funding and in knowledge exchange with First Nations communities, a productive publication record, and demonstrated excellence in teaching and commitment to undergraduate, graduate and post graduate trainees in the area of First Nations wellness and disease prevention and policy. Most importantly, the successful applicant should have demonstrated success in the community and demonstrate a sense of cultural safety and cultural humility in working in partnership with First Nations and Aboriginal peoples.
Review of applications will begin April 23, 2018 and continue until the position is filled. The expected start date is September 1, 2018 or a date to be mutually agreed.

Interested applicants should submit an application package consisting of: a letter of application; a detailed curriculum vitae; a 2-page personal statement describing the applicant’s interest in and vision for the role; and names of 3 references to http://www.facultycareers.ubc.ca/29256 For information contact:

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*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.*