

Academic Director of the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems

Ranked as one of the world's top 25 universities, the University of British Columbia (UBC) invites applications from outstanding candidates for a tenured faculty position at the rank of **Associate Professor or Professor** with appointment in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems (www.landfood.ubc.ca).

Candidates should have a proven record of outstanding research in sustainable food systems with disciplinary training in either the natural sciences (e.g., plant science, soil science, agroecology, agronomy) or the social sciences (e.g., sociology, human geography, economics). The successful candidate will have experience in multi-disciplinary and collaborative research that engages a wide range of stakeholders. As Academic Director, they will use this experience to lead the transformation of the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems (CSFS) at UBC Farm (www.ubcfarm.ubc.ca) as it takes its place as a global leader in sustainable food system research, learning, and community outreach.

Candidates will have built an innovative program of research demonstrated by both an excellent publication record in top ranking journals in their chosen field, as well as a proven track record of undergraduate teaching, training of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a thriving, extramurally funded research program. They will also be expected to actively participate in development initiatives for UBC Farm in addition to directing the academic initiatives of the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems. Ideally, the candidate's research and teaching interests will align with the Centre's Academic Plan, *Cultivating Place* (www.landfood.ubc.ca/cultivatingplace) with a particular focus on sustainable agro-ecosystems, sustainable food systems, or related areas.

The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm strives to explore and exemplify how land, food, and community are brought together to create healthy and sustainable food systems. Located within walking distance of the Vancouver campus, the UBC Farm site is a 24-hectare mosaic of cultivated field areas, hedgerows, orchards, and successional forest stands that is host to both a full-scale working farm as well as children's garden projects, an Aboriginal food hub, a practicum in sustainable agriculture, and an array of research projects.

Applicants must send: 1) a curriculum vitae, 2) names of four references (including addresses, e-mails and telephone numbers), 3) brief statements (1-2 pages each) describing (a) a five-year research plan, (b) their teaching philosophy and evidence of teaching effectiveness, and (c) their leadership philosophy and examples of effective leadership. The application package should be sent to the Chair of the Selection Committee, Sustainable Food Systems, c/o Melanie Train, email: melanie.train@ubc.ca (electronic submission of one complete PDF file is required). The deadline for submission is January 10, 2014. Enquiries by telephone (604-822-3105), fax (604-822-6394) or e-mail are welcome.

The Faculty of Land and Food Systems uses student-centered learning to educate new generations of scientists equipped to solve the most fundamental issues faced by society — those focused around human health, a sustainable food supply and the responsible use of finite land and water resources. UBC is located in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, which is regularly listed as one of the world's most liveable cities.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. We welcome applications from members of visible minority groups, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.