

**ALS Society of BC Professorship in ALS Research****Associate Professor (Tenure) /Professor (Tenure) | Division of Neurology, Department of Medicine**

The Division of Neurology, Department of Medicine at The University of British Columbia (UBC) invites applications for a full-time faculty position at the rank of Associate Professor (Tenure), or Professor (Tenure) to join the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Program in Vancouver, British Columbia. The successful candidate will be expected to take an active leadership role locally, nationally and internationally in ALS management.

This position is located within a health-care facility. Therefore, this position requires successful verification of full vaccination against COVID-19 provided prior to the start date, as required by the provincial health mandate.

The Division of Neurology is one of the largest divisions within the UBC Department of Medicine, and spans many activities in clinical, research and educational spheres, primarily located at the major teaching hospitals affiliated with the UBC Faculty of Medicine. The Division is nationally and internationally recognized for its clinical and research programs in multiple sclerosis, neurodegenerative disorders including dementias, motor neuronal disease, Parkinson's disease and stroke. The Division of Neurology is consistently successful in obtaining peer reviewed grant funding from agencies within Canada and internationally. Divisional members make important contributions to both basic neuroscience and clinical neurological literature. Clinically, the Division provides province-wide tertiary and quaternary care for a variety of neurological disorders. Faculty members are actively involved in teaching and supervising all levels of students and trainees from undergraduate to postgraduate students, clinical and research fellows. The Residency Training Program in Neurology is one of the largest in the country.

This professorship is funded and supported by the ALS Society of BC and the objectives are to carry out research in ALS; to participate in diagnosis and/or treatment of ALS; to act as spokesperson for ALS-related activities at UBC, including a productive collaboration with ALS Society of BC and promotion of the clinical, research and philanthropic activities of the ALS program. The professorship holder is expected to submit an annual report to the Head of Division of Neurology and to the Vice Dean, Research at Faculty of Medicine.

Reporting to the Head of Division of Neurology and the Head of the Department of Medicine, the successful candidate will lead an independent research program in ALS research, participate in graduate and undergraduate teaching in Neurology and ALS related topics, participate in leadership roles in the Division and provide service and leadership within the Division of Neurology and the Department of Medicine, the University and to the broader community. The successful candidate will be an established leader in ALS research and will take the role in research and clinical trials that advances the understanding of the strategies to combat ALS and to support patients living with the disease through care and research for a cure, with the goal of increasing patients' access to local clinical trials. The incumbent will provide mentorship and training to University undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate trainees in the area of ALS and related diseases; and to support and advance the goals of the UBC Division of Neurology.

The successful candidate will hold an MD or MD/PhD, and will be eligible to hold certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Neurology and eligible for licensure as a physician neurologist in the Province of British Columbia. The successful candidate will have training in ALS with a strong background in ALS management and experience in clinical trials with patients with ALS.

If appointed at the rank of Associate Professor, the successful candidate will have demonstrated evidence of successful teaching and ability to direct graduate students, evidence of sustained and productive scholarly activity with a reputation well beyond their situation and preferably a national recognition and must be willing to participate in the affairs of the Department and the University. The successful candidate will have demonstrated

ability to effectively communicate and interact with empathy, understanding and respect of diverse and divergent perspectives and behaviors.

If appointed at the rank of Professor, the successful candidate will have exceptional interpersonal and communication skills and a demonstrated track record in both creating and sustaining an independent research program with international recognition, as well as being an effective and accomplished educator. The successful candidate must be able to establish and maintain high-quality, productive relationships across cultural differences and work in a collaborative and inclusive manner, fostering equitable experiences and a respectful environment for all staff, faculty and students. The successful candidate will have demonstrated evidence of ability to excel in teaching and will be expected to provide service to the University and the broader academic and professional community.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. A letter of application outlining the applicant's research and teaching interests, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and the names of four arm's length references should be directed to:

**Yvonne Ng**

Administrative Manager, UBC, Department of Medicine, Division of Neurology

Email: [Yvonne.ng@vch.ca](mailto:Yvonne.ng@vch.ca)

Subject Line: **ALS Professorship**

Review of applications will begin on **December 25, 2021** and continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date for this position is **July 1, 2022** or upon 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. Since 1915, UBC's entrepreneurial spirit has embraced innovation and challenged the status quo. UBC encourages its 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.

**Our Vision: To Transform Health for Everyone.**

Ranked among the world's top medical schools with the fifth-largest MD enrollment in North America, the **UBC Faculty of Medicine** is a leader in both the science and the practice of medicine. Across British Columbia, more than 11,000 faculty and staff are training the next generation of doctors and health care professionals, making remarkable discoveries, and helping to create the pathways to better health for our communities at home and around the world.

The Faculty - comprised of approximately 2,200 administrative support, technical/research and management and professional staff, as well approximately 650 full-time academic and over 9,000 clinical faculty members - is composed of 19 academic basic science and/or clinical departments, three schools, and 24 research centres and institutes. Together with its University and Health Authority partners, the Faculty delivers innovative programs and conducts research in the areas of health and life sciences. Faculty, staff and trainees are located at university campuses, clinical academic campuses in hospital settings and other regionally based centres across the province.

*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.*

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