



Director, Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies – FACULTY OF ARTS
The University of British Columbia – Vancouver, BC

The Faculty of Arts at The University of British Columbia – Vancouver campus invites applications from experienced scholars and academic leaders for the position of Director of the Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies (CIS), with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2018. The University is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ speaking Musqueam people, with whom UBC shares a framework Memorandum of Affiliation. The Institute is committed to critical decolonial social change and theoretical advancement, research excellence, community engagement, land-based learning, and international impact. Information about the Institute and each of its constituent programs— First Nations and Indigenous Studies (FNIS) and First Nations and Endangered Languages (FNEL)—is available on their respective websites: <http://fnis.arts.ubc.ca> and <http://fnel.arts.ubc.ca/>.

The Directorship appointment is expected to be for a five-year term, with the possibility for reappointment. There is potential for cross-appointment with other academic units, but primary teaching and service responsibilities will be within the Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies.

We seek applicants who have a Ph.D., a distinguished record of research publications commensurate with appointment at the Associate Professor rank or higher, a demonstrated record of high quality undergraduate and graduate teaching, a track record of successful graduate supervision, a background in establishing and maintaining trusting relationships with Indigenous communities and organizations, and the necessary skills and experience that demonstrate capacity for leadership in an academic setting. Prior administrative experience in a leadership role will be an asset. We encourage applicants with a demonstrated commitment to advancing areas of research currently represented in the Institute.

Engagement with Indigenous communities and organizations is central to the work of the Institute, and we seek candidates who understand the importance of relationship building to their work as leaders. The successful applicant will be a creative, effective, and collaborative leader who fosters an environment of respectful inclusion for students, staff, faculty, and community partners. The Institute Director's responsibilities will include recruiting and evaluating faculty, developing Institute-wide and University-wide initiatives, maintaining and enhancing respectful partnerships with our Musqueam hosts, overseeing the educational and community programs and the financial health of the unit.

This position is subject to final budgetary approval. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications should be sent in a single PDF to Laura J. Hart (Manager – Admin & HR, Dean of Arts Office) via email (Arts.Headships@ubc.ca) with the following components: a letter of application; a curriculum vitae; evidence of teaching effectiveness; and 5 statements (no longer than 1 page each) summarizing their (a) research program, (b) experience in respectful and community-centred administrative leadership, (c) teaching philosophy/practice and ability to work with a diverse student body committed to decolonization, (d) Indigenous community engagement, and (e) potential contributions to the Institute.

Review of applications will begin on October 2, 2017, and will continue until the position is filled. We thank all who express interest in this position, however, only those applicants who are longlisted will be contacted further.

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, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.