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Canada Research Chair, Tier II Neurobiology of Aging and Cognition

Division of Medical Sciences

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We acknowledge with respect the Lkwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

The Division of Medical Sciences invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the Neurobiology of Aging and Cognition to complement and broaden the research interests of our core group of Neuroscience researchers. We welcome applications from basic scientists who have a primary focus on the molecular mechanisms of aging in the nervous system, with a strong indication of translational potential for neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer disease, Vascular dementia, Parkinson disease, Huntington disease, Frontotemporal dementia and related diseases. Experience in the use (and/or development) of animal models of cognitive disorders affecting the elderly and studies that range in scope from molecular to behavioural will be especially valued (including a broad range of approaches, like microscopy, bioinformatics, computational neuroscience, and/or combinations thereof). The successful applicant will be nominated by the University for a Tier 2 CRC and, upon approval by the CRC Secretariat, will then be offered a tenure-track or tenured appointment at the appropriate rank, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The anticipated start date is July 1, 2020.

This CRC recruitment is part of a broad strategy to expand and raise the profile of research in aging and health at the University of Victoria. Three other Tier 2 CRCs in related areas of aging research are being recruited in addition to this position. The four new CRCs will be expected to engage with the UVic Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (<https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/aging/>), which has a 25-year history of high-quality research, community outreach, and trainee support. Research strengths in the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health are currently organized around cognitive health, lifelong health, and vulnerability and frailty. The new recruits will benefit from administrative support and collaborative opportunities provided within the Institute.

Tier 2 CRCs are one of Canada's premier early career recognition and recruitment programs, and are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidate must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). However,

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applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 [justification process](#). For more information on the CRC program generally and on eligibility specifically, please consult the [Canada Research Chairs](#) website.

The Division of Medical Sciences (DMS) was established to promote scholarship and innovation in medical education at the University of Victoria and to support the University of Victoria's ongoing commitment to an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to health research. The successful nominee will complement and expand the current expertise of neuroscientists in the DMS. With its intimate and collaborative research environment and as host of the Neuroscience Graduate Program, the DMS allows for direct and frequent interaction among PIs, thereby facilitating an interchange of ideas between postdocs and students across labs. We are also a group with a commitment to diversification across our ranks, particularly, although not limited to: racialization, marginalized sexualities, gender identity, Indigeneity and disability.

Requirements

The successful nominee will have a PhD in Neuroscience, Cell Biology, Biology or related field, as well as postdoctoral training. They will have demonstrated potential to develop an externally funded, independent, original and innovative research program that focuses on important questions in the Neurobiology of Aging and Cognition with relevance to human health. The successful nominee will have also demonstrated the potential to achieve international recognition in their field within the next five to ten years. The candidate will offer evidence of high-quality teaching and supervision, having the potential to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers. The successful nominee will be supportive of diversity and inclusivity.

In accordance with the University's Equity Plan and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code, the selection will be limited to women. Candidates from this group must self-identify.

Additional information

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Contact information

To be considered, please submit your application via email to: impadmin@uvic.ca with the subject heading "Aging and Cognition position" by Friday, April 12, 2019. Applications submitted after this date may be considered until a suitable candidate is identified. The successful candidate will be nominated to the CRC before the end of October 2019. Applications must include the following components compiled into a single PDF document:

- A cover letter providing an overview of the candidate's qualifications, how they fulfill the criteria defined above, and how their research capacity would complement the existing research strengths of the DMS;
- A detailed curriculum vitae;
- A teaching dossier (including teaching skills statements, example syllabi, evaluation data);
- A one-page statement identifying their strengths and experiences in promoting diversity;
- Contact information for three references.

Applications should be addressed to:

Dr. Bruce Wright, MD, CCFP, FCFP
Head, Division of Medical Sciences
University of Victoria
c/o impadmin@uvic.ca

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Equity statement

UVic is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our living, learning and work environments. In pursuit of our values, we seek members who will work respectfully and constructively with differences and across levels of power. We actively encourage applications from members of groups experiencing barriers to equity. Read our full equity statement here: www.uvic.ca/equitystatement.

The University acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. We encourage applicants to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions have had on their record.

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact Faculty Relations and Academic Administration in the Office of the VP Academic and Provost at FRrecruit@uvic.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

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