

Dr. Kelli Stajduhar – Biographical Sketch and Statement of Candidacy

I am a Professor in the School of Nursing, Research Fellow at the Institute on Aging & Lifelong Health, and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Palliative Approaches to Care in Aging and Community Health. In more than two decades at UVic, I have combined academic leadership, high-level administrative engagement, and deep community partnerships to advance equity and excellence in research, teaching, and governance.

During this time, I have served on university committees, chaired research chair search committees, contributed to program development, and mentored faculty and students. I have successfully led major CIHR-funded initiatives requiring cross-faculty collaboration, multi-million-dollar budget oversight, and coordination with national and international partners. These experiences reflect my ability to work within complex governance systems and to support evidence-informed decision making at the institutional level.

Internationally, I am recognized for leadership in community-based action research with people facing structural vulnerabilities in health care. My collaborations with health authorities, provincial ministries, and community organizations have strengthened UVic's reputation as a university committed to social responsibility and meaningful engagement beyond campus. My global connections span Europe, New Zealand, Australia, and the United States, where I have co-organized international seminars, served on executive committees, and facilitated policy dialogues that bring together government, academic, and community leaders.

I offer the Appointment Committee extensive administrative experience, a proven record of collaborative leadership, and a deep commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the selection of a President who will advance UVic's mission and values, and I am confident that my experience and perspective will add to the thoughtful work of the Committee.