

Dr. Lina Zhou is an associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at UVic. Dr. Zhou received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from Tongji University in China, and her Ph.D. in Forestry and Environmental Management at the University of New Brunswick. Before joining UVic, she worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the Wood Science and Technology Centre at UNB. Dr. Zhou joined UVic in January 2017 as an assistant professor.

Dr. Zhou's research is mainly devoted to advancing fundamental knowledge of the performance of wood structural systems and connections, and wood-based hybrid buildings. Her area of expertise is the investigation of seismic behavior of mid-rise and high-rise timber structures and hybrid building systems through both laboratory testing and numerical modelling. Dr. Zhou serves on two technical subcommittees (system design and connections) of CSA O86, Engineering Design in Wood. She also serves as a member of Canadian Mirror Committee to ISO/TC 165 – Timber Structures.

At UVic, Dr. Zhou started serving as a UVic Senate member from July 2023, and her first term service will end in Jun 2026. During the past three years, she has been served on senate committee on appeals, senate committee on admission, re-registration and transfer appeals and senate committee on libraries. Dr. Zhou has also served on Faculty and Departmental committees, such as search committees for Civil Engineering Department Chair, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs, and Civil Engineering faculty positions. Dr. Zhou is the co-founder and faculty advisor of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) UVic Student Chapter. Dr. Zhou's unique experience will enhance the diversity and effectiveness of the university's academic governance.