

Prof. Julia K. Baum

Biography

Trained as a marine ecologist, I am now a Professor in the Department of Biology, the President's Chair for the Faculty of Science, and UVic's NSERC Leaders representative. My research group focuses on understanding how climate change and other anthropogenic stressors are altering temperate and tropical coastal ecosystems, and developing conservation-solutions for these systems. I earned my BSc from McGill University, an MSc and PhD from Dalhousie University, and subsequently held a David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego, followed by a Schmidt Ocean Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS), UC Santa Barbara. I was named an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Ocean Sciences in 2011, a Pew Fellow in Marine Conservation in 2017, a member of the RSC's College of Artists and Scientists in 2017, and an NSERC E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellow in 2018. I founded UVic's Ecology@UVic group, which unites ecologists across campus. I am committed to mobilizing science beyond academia, and to making academia more diverse and inclusive, and to this end have spoken on EDI panels, given talks on gender bias in academia, and currently serve on UVic's Academic Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity.

Statement of Candidacy

It would be an honour to serve on this committee and work with President Hall to help appoint UVic's next Provost. I have previously served on three hiring committees within my department and as the head of the selection committee for the Global Young Academy. I look forward to bringing an EDI perspective to this committee, as we work to diversify the UVic community, and to ensuring that UVic's next Provost is a forward-thinking leader who will work to advance UVic's Strategic Framework priorities in innovative ways.