



Research Pathologist, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at The University of British Columbia invites applications for an opportunity to be formally engaged in research. The successful applicant will serve as an Investigator within the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI), the provincial Gynecologic Cancer Research Initiative (GCI) and the Genetic Pathology Evaluation Centre (GPEC). This position (0.3 FTE) would support academic protected time and be held concurrently with a clinical appointment as a gynecologic pathologist at VGH or BC Cancer and hold a clinical faculty appointment with the UBC Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The intent is to provide an effective collaborative researcher with the opportunity to build their research portfolio and develop and lead a grant funded research program relevant to gynecologic oncology and become competitive for consideration for future UBC faculty positions. A mentorship committee will meet with the candidate biannually and performance will be formally reviewed at one and three years. This is a five-year term position.

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UBC is a hybrid, academically intensive Department within the UBC Faculty of Medicine whose activities span a broad spectrum of teaching, research, and academic service, often performed in the milieu of clinical practice, and are ultimately devoted to improving the care, treatment, and well-being of patients. The Department offers academic degrees at the bachelor's (Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc)) and graduate (MSc, PhD) levels, as well as playing a major role in the MD undergraduate program and offering an accredited residency-training program. Faculty members participate across a spectrum of research from basic investigative to translational to clinical applied research and are recognized locally, nationally and internationally for their excellence.

The GCI is a multi-institutional (UBC, VCHRI, BC Cancer, BCWH) initiative formed around the goal of accelerating research to reduce death and suffering from gynecologic cancers by 50%. The GCI provides its researchers with access to core resources as well as grant facilitation and alignment with foundation support for projects. As a pathologist, the candidate would build their team in the recently expanded GPEC laboratory located in the Jack Bell research centre. This laboratory through a successful CFI-JELF application will be acquiring a full suite of molecular pathology tools to facilitate translational pathology research.

Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) is a large, hospital-based research institute where investigators form a dynamic and highly collaborative research community. The successful candidate will join the GPEC laboratory, which has state of the art pathology and molecular pathology equipment and recently developed pathology artificial intelligence and clinical informatics capacity. The candidate would have full access to the grant facilitation, statistical, genomics, cell biology and the other core resources of the Gynecologic Cancer Initiative.

The incumbent will have a particular area of interest and expertise in molecular classification, diagnostics and biomarker development, or other translational expertise related to gynecological cancers. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a become the pathology lead for the GCI and to collaborate broadly within this interdisciplinary team. In addition, the incumbent is expected to develop a strong, externally funded and internationally competitive research program. Through collaboration and research leadership they will build capacity for an integrated molecular diagnostics platform that combines genomics, imaging and pathology.

Applicants must hold an MD and FRCPC and have full post-doctoral training in anatomic and gynecologic pathology and a license to practice gynecologic pathology in BC. The candidate should have a strong clinical reputation in both gynecologic pathology and translational research associated with gynecologic pathology. The applicant will be provided dry and wet lab space and full access to relevant research platforms and a commensurate research support start-up

award will be provided. The candidate would provide mentorship to graduate students, pathology residents and other trainees.

The successful candidate is required to have exceptional interpersonal and communication skills to engage colleagues within the Department, the GCI, and other clinical and academic fields in collaborative programs for laboratory and program development. The incumbent will show evidence of ability in teaching, supervision and mentorship of students and trainees at all levels, and have a commitment to academic service and demonstrated track record in translational research.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. A letter of application outlining teaching accomplishments and teaching/research interests, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae, and names and contact information of three referees should be directed to:

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Subject line: Gynecologic pathology and the Gynecologic Cancer Initiative

Review of applications will begin on January 1, 2020 and continue until the position is filled. The expected start date for this position is July 1, 2020 or upon a date to be mutually agreed.

The University of British Columbia is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world and 3rd largest university in Canada with an economic impact of 12.5 billion to the provincial economy. Since 1915, UBC's West Coast spirit has embraced innovation and challenged the status quo. Its entrepreneurial perspective encourages students, staff and faculty to challenge convention, lead discovery and explore new ways of learning. At UBC, bold thinking is given a place to develop into ideas that can change the world. As one of the world's leading universities, The University of British Columbia creates an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world.

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