The Department of Forest Resources Management, Faculty of Forestry, The University of British Columbia (Vancouver Campus) invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Instructor level. This is a tenure-track position in the Educational Leadership stream leading towards promotion and tenure as a Senior Instructor and then promotion to Professor of Teaching. The successful candidate will primarily teach and refine undergraduate courses within the Bachelor of Urban Forestry (BUF) program with additional teaching in other undergraduate as well as graduate programs as needed. The BUF degree is a four-year undergraduate program in urban forestry with a diverse student body, including a significant proportion of international students.

Candidates for this position must have a PhD in urban forestry or a related area. The successful candidate will provide evidence of demonstrated excellence in, and commitment to, teaching undergraduate students and enthusiasm for teaching in diverse settings. Candidates must demonstrate evidence of past educational leadership and/or clearly articulated plans for future educational leadership and potential for creating innovative instructional environments in the classroom. Experience in course design is required and experience in broader curriculum development or other educational initiatives that could advance the University’s ability to excel in its teaching and learning mandate is preferred. Candidates must also have a strong commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Professional experience as an urban forester and/or research experience related to urban forest management, analysis, policy, planning, or other closely related fields is also highly desirable. The candidate will be responsible for range of educational activities and course delivery and should demonstrate excellent organizational and interpersonal skills through prior experience with similar teaching loads or management of complex projects.

The successful candidate will provide instruction contributing to a comprehensive and integrated curriculum in urban forestry. These courses will include, at a minimum, (i) an introduction to urban forestry, (ii) urban forest inventory and analysis, (iii) a two-term integrated urban forestry capstone focused on management and planning, and (iv) an intensive urban forestry field skills course. Responsibilities may also include teaching at international partner institutions. Furthermore, it is anticipated that the candidate will participate in mentoring students, for example in undergraduate research and independent projects (directed studies). The successful candidate will also be expected to actively contribute to program initiatives to enhance the student experience.
Promotion and tenure in UBC’s Educational Leadership stream is based on teaching, service, and educational leadership. Educational Leadership is broadly defined as activity taken at UBC and elsewhere to advance innovation in teaching and learning and must have impacts that extend beyond one’s classroom (see greater detail regarding educational leadership in Section 3.4.1 of http://www.hr.ubc.ca/faculty-relations/files/SAC-Guide.pdf). The successful candidate will therefore be expected to engage in educational leadership activities in consultation with the Program Director.

Applications should include i) a cover letter, ii) a curriculum vitae, iii) a teaching dossier that includes a statement of teaching philosophy, iv) a one-page statement on envisioned educational leadership relevant to the position, v) a one-page equity, diversity, and inclusion statement emphasizing how the applicant would contribute to the University’s mission of creating a culturally inclusive learning environment, and vi) full contact information for three individuals that can provide reference letters. Applicants should also indicate in their application if they are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.

Applications should be submitted on the UBC Careers webpage: http://www.hr.ubc.ca/careers/faculty-careers/

Deadline for applications is: January 31, 2020. The appointment will start on June 1, 2020, although an alternate start date can be negotiated. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. All appointments are subject to budgetary approval.

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.