Department of Psychology – Assistant Professor (tenure-track) in Health Psychology, with a focus on Social Determinants of Health

The Department of Psychology at the University of British Columbia–Vancouver campus (psych.ubc.ca) invites applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level in health psychology, with anticipated position start date of July 1, 2025.

We are seeking outstanding applicants in health psychology whose work focuses on the social determinants of health and health equity, with strong research records appropriate to a research-oriented doctoral program. We are interested in applicants who are dedicated to understanding the psychological, social, socio-economic, racial/ethnic, and/or cultural factors that promote health, reduce disease risk, and/or contribute to the management of chronic diseases. We welcome scholars using a range of methodological approaches in health psychology, such as repeated daily life assessments, long-term longitudinal, survey and intervention methods. We especially welcome applicants who engage in community-engaged research and those with expertise in Indigenous people’s health and well-being.

Applicants should have research interests that complement existing strengths in the health area (https://psych.ubc.ca/research/research-streams/) and the department as a whole (https://psych.ubc.ca/people/). The health psychology faculty have synergies in topics that include lifespan development and healthy aging; stress, emotions, and coping; social relationships and health; and disease management and health promotion. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a program of scholarly research that leads to publication; conduct effective undergraduate and graduate teaching and research supervision; demonstrate a strong interest in and potential to attract external funding; and contribute to departmental service.

Prior to the position start date, the successful applicant will have been awarded a PhD in psychology or a closely related field and will have an established program of research within health psychology.

How to apply:
Applications are to be submitted online through the Department of Psychology’s Internal Resources website: https://psyc.air.arts.ubc.ca/assistant-professor-tenure-track-in-health/ Applicants should upload the required documents by the deadline in this order:

- cover letter (including the names and contact information for three referees)
- CV
- research statement (approx. 3 pages)
- a statement (approx. 1-2 pages) that details (a) your personal values and experiences related to equity, diversity, inclusion (EDI); (b) how your present or past research, teaching, mentorship, and/or service support the success and inclusion of students, research participants, and/or other community partners from diverse, historically underrepresented, or systemically
marginalized communities; and (c) how you foresee these and other endeavours continuing at UBC in a way that will further our university’s commitment to antiracism, equity, diversity, and inclusion and advancing Indigenous priorities. We especially welcome applicants to share their experiences working on Indigenous-led projects or programs, relationships with Indigenous communities or organization, and/or services in support of Indigenous peoples’ priorities. [note: This statement will be carefully read as a standalone document and should include all relevant information even if aspects are also discussed in other submitted materials.]

- teaching statement (approx. 1-2 pages)
- evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., evaluations, sample syllabi)
- three publications

In addition, applicants should arrange to have three confidential letters of recommendation submitted directly by the referees, by October 1, 2024, via email to ubcpsycjobs@psych.ubc.ca, with “Health reference” in the subject line.

The deadline for applications is October 1, 2024. This position is subject to final budgetary approval. The expected pay range for this position is $9,750/month – $10,833/month. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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

The Department of Psychology is committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion, and advancing Indigenous priorities in accordance with a 5-year strategic growth and hiring plan (see https://psych.ubc.ca/about/equity-inclusion/). As one part of the initiative, we are committed to ongoing hiring of new faculty members who share a commitment to our departmental values of equity, diversity, inclusion, and justice, including expanding our departmental diversity in the broadest sense. Applicants who wish to learn more about how equity, diversity, and inclusion are valued, fostered, and celebrated in our department are welcome to contact Amori Mikami, Professor and Associate Head of Equity Diversity and Inclusion (mikami@psych.ubc.ca).

For information about institutional plans and priorities, visit: https://antiracism.ubc.ca/ and https://indigenous.ubc.ca/indigenous-engagement/indigenous-strategic-plan/.