

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Faculty of Arts First Nations Languages Program



Assistant Professor Position

The First Nations Languages Program in the Faculty of Arts at the University of British Columbia invites applications for a tenure-stream faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of Endangered First Nations/Aboriginal Language Documentation, Conservation, and Revitalization.

Applicants are expected to have a Ph.D. at the time of appointment (or to have progressed to the point where completion of the Ph.D. is imminent) in a discipline directly relevant to the documentation, conservation, and revitalization of endangered languages, cultures, and Indigenous knowledge systems. Applicants will demonstrate a record of or clear potential for excellent research, teaching, curriculum development, publication, and student supervision. Applicants will also have a strong commitment to mentoring Aboriginal students, and a history of success in ethical engagement and respectful collaboration with Aboriginal communities, organizations, and/or institutions. Experience in curriculum development for and/or the teaching of endangered languages would be an asset, as would expertise in information, archival, and/or museum studies.

The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an active program of research, teaching, and service. In addition to teaching in the core curriculum of the First Nations Languages (FNLG) program, the position involves the opportunity to develop additional FNLG curriculum related to capacity-building in research skills, language fluency, and pedagogical applications for endangered language maintenance and/or revitalization; the mentoring and research supervision of students at all levels from a diversity of disciplines; coordination with other programs and initiatives at UBC related to Indigenous peoples, as well as liaison with other institutions, organizations, and community-based initiatives involved in endangered language documentation and conservation provincially, nationally, and internationally. Responsibilities entail close collaboration with the Language and Culture Department of the Musqueam Indian Band under the established terms of the UBC-FNLG ethical protocols, as well as the negotiation of new collaborative relationships with other BC Bands and/or BC Aboriginal organizations working towards language reclamation and sustainability.

For more information about the First Nations Languages program, please consult our web site at: <http://fnlg.arts.ubc.ca>. For information about UBC's Aboriginal Strategic Plan and the broader context for Indigenous studies at UBC, please visit: <http://aboriginal.ubc.ca>.

The appointment is to begin on 1 July 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, and is subject to final budgetary approval. Application materials should be received either in hard copy or via email no later than 19 February 2013. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The First Nations Languages program is an interdisciplinary program: faculty will also be appointed in a Department of disciplinary specialization. Appointment structure is flexible, with primary responsibilities within the FNLG program, but open to teaching and student supervision at all levels in the disciplinary Department of appointment.

2. *Position: Assistant Professor, UBC First Nations Languages (FNLG) Program*

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity and diversity within its community. We welcome applications from members of visible minority groups, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity, and others with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities. We encourage all qualified persons, and especially Aboriginal/Indigenous scholars, to apply. Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

Please include with your application:

- a letter of application;
- curriculum vitae;
- a publication (or manuscript) related to your endangered language research;
- if available, a sample of your language teaching materials;
- evidence of teaching effectiveness (including evaluations, if available);
- names and contact information for three academic references;
- names and contact information for two other references who can address your effectiveness in Aboriginal/Indigenous community engagement.

Post applications to: Dr. Patricia A. Shaw, Professor and Chair
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If you have questions or would like further clarification, please contact the FNLG Program Chair.