Associate Professor, Writing Studies – School of Journalism, Writing, and Media

The School of Journalism, Writing, and Media in the Faculty of Arts at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, invites applications for full-time tenure-stream position at the rank of Associate Professor, beginning July 1, 2020.

Applicants are required to have a Ph.D. in writing studies or a related field, and will have a proven research record in writing studies, with specializations in one or more of the following areas:

- research writing and disciplinary discourse
- rhetorical genre studies with an emphasis on public genres
- ideologies of language
- anti-racist and decolonial writing pedagogies
- research methods for inquiring into current questions about public debate, privacy, and publicity
- multimodal writing, digital and social media rhetoric

The School of Journalism, Writing, and Media, an exciting expansion of programs known for their leadership in the fields of journalism and writing studies, offers research and teaching innovation in journalism and media, writing and communication, and knowledge-making and mobilization. Contributing to the development of scholarly and professional communication and media competencies across and beyond UBC, the School creates unique opportunities for students to succeed as practiced writers and media professionals in an era of significant shifts in communication technology and culture.

UBC is undergoing significant changes in writing and communication instruction. The School of Journalism, Writing, and Media will play a lead role in envisioning and implementing these changes. Building on existing initiatives, the successful candidate will work collaboratively to develop and deliver new courses within the School and new projects beyond it. The successful candidate will also take a crucial role in shaping the School’s research on and approaches to writing, media, and pedagogy.

The School currently offers two undergraduate courses (WRDS 150 and WRDS 350) that teach research writing to 5,000 students a year. We use writing-in-the-disciplines, genre-based, and discourse analytic approaches informed by current research in the field of rhetoric and writing studies. The successful candidate will teach sections of WRDS 150 and WRDS 350 and new courses as they are developed. This teaching will involve student supervision at the undergraduate level. The successful candidate will also be expected to maintain an active program of research and publication. The successful candidate will also be expected to:

- take on administrative duties in the newly configured School of Journalism, Writing, and Media
- mentor junior faculty
• contribute to writing initiatives across faculties at UBC
• play a lead role in the development of the writing studies program

Application materials must be submitted electronically as PDFs. Please follow the instructions provided on the application webpage: https://asrw.arts.ubc.ca/working-with-us/apply/. Review of applications will begin on February 3, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should upload the following materials as PDFs, in the order listed:

• a letter of application
• curriculum vitae
• statement of research (500 words max) and teaching philosophy (500 words max)
• a 500-word (maximum) statement about the applicant’s experience working with a diverse student body and contributions or potential contributions to creating/advancing a culture of equity and inclusion.
• a sample publication
• evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., teaching evaluations, sample syllabi)
• the names and contact information for 3 academic references

We will contact the referees of long-listed applicants for confidential reference letters. Applicants should ensure that their referees are aware that this is a position in the Educational Leadership stream and should accordingly provide evidence with a focus on teaching and educational leadership. Enquiries addressed to Dr. Laurie McNeill, Chair of the Search Committee, c/o Jennifer Suratos, may be sent to admin.fyp@ubc.ca.

UBC-Vancouver’s Point Grey Campus is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Musqueam people, with whom UBC shares a framework Memorandum of Affiliation. For information relating to Aboriginal initiatives that are available at UBC, visit the UBC Vancouver Aboriginal portal at: http://aboriginal.ubc.ca/.

This position is subject to final budgetary approval. 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.