

**Rural Scholars | Department of Family Practice**

The Department of Family Practice within the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC) invites applications for a part-time (0.2 FTE) position of Rural Scholar. In partnership with the Rural Coordination Centre of British Columbia, we are accepting applications for established clinicians in British Columbia to develop experience and skills in Rural Scholarship through the Rural Scholars Program. There are up to 2 positions available and it is anticipated that these will be distributed over the rural areas of British Columbia.

The Rural Scholars Program has been created to provide an opportunity for rural clinicians to develop skills in scholarship and leadership. The program takes a broad approach to scholarship and can encompass any category of scholarship: discovery, integration, application/engagement and education. In addition to developing a scholarly project of relevance to Rural Health, the Rural Scholar will be expected to provide local leadership, mentoring and role modeling to encourage health care students to consider rural careers. The program will provide support for one day per week to engage in scholarly work relevant to rural health in British Columbia. The Rural Scholars Program is funded through the distributed support funds of the Rural Doctors' UBC Chair in Rural Health provided by the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues in partnership with the Department of Family Practice at UBC and the Rural Coordination Centre of British Columbia. The program will provide some travel and scholarship training support.

Reporting to the Director, Rural Scholars Program, the Rural Scholar will require a time commitment of approximately one day per week (0.2 FTE) for a one-year initial term, with possibility to renew for an additional year, up to two years, to engage in scholarly work relevant to rural health in British Columbia. The compensation will be \$35,000 per annum at 0.2 FTE.

For more information about the Rural Scholars Program please contact denise.jaworsky@ubc.ca. **Review of applications will begin on June 1, 2026 and will continue until the positions are filled. The anticipated start date for this position is July 1, 2026, or a date to be mutually agreed.**

Responsibilities

- Developing and executing a scholarly project of relevance to rural health in British Columbia.
- Developing relationships with undergraduate health students and residents to encourage rural career choices – this may include mentoring and supervision of projects.
- Providing academic leadership in their locality, including participating in relevant groups and committees.
- Disseminating scholarly work through publications, presentations and other methods of knowledge translation.

Qualifications

- Holds a Clinical Faculty Appointment or be eligible to be appointed as Clinical Faculty in the Faculty of Medicine at UBC.
- The incumbent will be a practicing clinician and must have membership to, and have a certificate from, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or another equivalent professional body. All Health Professionals are eligible to apply.
- Administrative and educational experience.
- Demonstrated ability in teaching.
- The Rural Scholar must be clinically active in a rural area.

To apply, submit a 1-page letter of interest and your curriculum vitae to:

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The **University of British Columbia** is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world. Since 1915, UBC's entrepreneurial spirit has embraced innovation and challenged the status quo. UBC encourages its 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.

Our Vision: To Transform Health for Everyone.

Ranked among the world's top medical schools with the fifth-largest MD enrollment in North America, the **UBC Faculty of Medicine** is a leader in both the science and the practice of medicine. Across British Columbia, more than 11,000 faculty and staff are training the next generation of doctors and health care professionals, making remarkable discoveries, and helping to create the pathways to better health for our communities at home and around the world.

The Faculty - comprised of approximately 2,200 administrative support, technical/research and management and professional staff, as well approximately 650 full-time academic and over 9,000 clinical faculty members - is composed of 19 academic basic science and/or clinical departments, three schools, and 24 research centres and institutes. Together with its University and Health Authority partners, the Faculty delivers innovative programs and conducts research in the areas of health and life sciences. Faculty, staff and trainees are located at university campuses, clinical academic campuses in hospital settings and other regionally based centres across the province.

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 of Canada will be given priority.

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