

# Senior Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs and Director, First Nations House of Learning



*The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a globally renowned university, contributing world-leading research, providing distinctive excellence in education, attracting outstanding people domestically and internationally, and collaborating with preeminent universities and organizations around the world.*

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UBC invites applications for the joint position of Senior Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs for the entire university and Director, First Nations House of Learning at the Vancouver campus. Two campuses make up the university: UBC Vancouver is located at the western tip of the Point Grey peninsula, on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people, with whom the university has a Memorandum of Affiliation; UBC Okanagan is located on the traditional territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) people and the university has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Okanagan Nation Alliance.

The successful candidate will be appointed for a 5-year renewable term. They will bring the skills and experience commensurate with a tenured faculty position, from which they will be seconded while serving as Senior Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs and Director, First Nations House of Learning.

This pivotal role will take office at a time when the university reaffirms its commitment to Indigenous peoples under the 2018 Indigenous Strategic Plan. Serving as the Senior Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs, they will provide vision, leadership and diplomacy in advancing Indigenous affairs for the university as a whole. As the Director of the First Nations House of Learning (FNHL), they will make the university's resources more accessible to Indigenous students, and advance the development and implementation of policies, academic programs, research and other initiatives that address the needs and aspirations of Indigenous learners.

A track record of listening, consensus-building and inclusive leadership will enable the successful candidate to advance the priorities of Indigenous education at UBC. An authentic nature and demonstrated appreciation for a variety of learning styles and academic approaches will allow them to nurture a positive, open and inclusive climate across all campuses. A strong record of scholarly research and professional achievement will inspire trust, allowing them to fulfil their role through effective advocacy, drawing on lived experience, for Indigenous inclusion at the university.

Review of all applications will begin April 10th, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications and nominations should be submitted in confidence to Mr. Brock Higgins, Managing Partner at Higgins Executive Search via: [brock@higginsinc.com](mailto:brock@higginsinc.com). Documents to be submitted for consideration in this process are: a letter of introduction, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference.

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*"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."*