The Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics (CMMT) at the University of British Columbia (UBC) along with the Child & Family Research Institute (CFRI) invite applications for the position of Director, CMMT.

The CMMT is a Senate-approved Centre of the Faculty of Medicine and housed within CFRI of the Children’s and Women’s Health Centre of BC, Vancouver. The CMMT is dedicated to unraveling the many genetic questions surrounding human illness and finding novel approaches to treatment and prevention. The CMMT conducts discovery research and translates it into novel and effective clinical and therapeutic strategies to promote health. Discoveries made at the CMMT over the past 16 years continue to have significant impact on patient care locally, nationally, and globally. The CMMT also has a strong, supportive and intellectual-rich research environment and provides a comprehensive and unique setting in which scientists of exceptional talent and creativity are able to pursue new ideas, encourage novel collaborations, and accelerate the pace of scientific discovery. Currently a home to over 200 faculty members, trainees and staff, CMMT faculty generate on average $15 million in grant funding annually.

The Director will have overall responsibility for ensuring the activities of the Centre are furthering the goals of the Centre, in concert with the Faculty of Medicine Strategic Plan, as well as being consistent with the CFRI mission and strategic direction. The Director will also be expected to lead the research priorities of the CMMT, will encourage interdisciplinary collaborations, identify and actively pursue opportunities for fund raising, as well as build consensus among a broad range of stakeholders to further CMMT’s achievements and renowned expertise in research, with a strong vision for the future. The Director will actively promote CMMT in the local and global communities and build the social networks that will support the Centre’s visibility and growth. The Director will report jointly to the Executive Director, CFRI and to the Executive Associate Dean, Research within the Faculty of Medicine, and through this position to the Dean of Medicine and ultimately, to the Provost. In addition to the responsibilities embodied within the Directorship, the incumbent will also be responsible for teaching, supervision of graduate students, and for maintaining an active research program.

This position is expected to be filled by a candidate internal to UBC, at the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor with tenure. The successful candidate will be a prominent scientist and an expert in his/her own field of research that will complement and strengthen the vision and overall programs of the CMMT. Demonstrated scientific leadership skills, excellent communication skills, outstanding educational contributions, a strong research track record, collaborative leadership, a commitment to interdisciplinary research, with demonstrated excellence in teaching are essential. The anticipated start date is March 1, 2014 or a date to be mutually agreed.

The Child and Family Research Institute (www.cfri.ca) works in close partnership with UBC, BC Children’s Hospital and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children, BC Women’s Hospital & Health Centre (agencies of PHSA), and the BC Children’s Hospital Foundation. The CFRI is dedicated to high quality research and offers basic science and clinical research mentorship that is second to none. CFRI’s main areas of research include: Childhood Cancer & Blood Research, Diabetes, Nutrition & Metabolism, Developmental Neurosciences & Child Health, Genetics & Health, Immunity in Health & Disease, Innovations in Acute Care & Technology, as well as Reproduction & Health Pregnancy.

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a global centre for research and teaching. Surrounded by the beauty of the Canadian West, UBC embraces bold new ways of thinking that attract exceptional students and faculty. It is a place where innovative ideas are nurtured in a globally connected research community, providing unparalleled opportunities to learn, discover and contribute. Faculty members, students, staff and alumni in the UBC Faculty of Medicine are actively engaged in innovative, leading edge research, education and community service on university and hospital
campuses across the Province. Together we aim to create knowledge and advance learning that will make a vital contribution to the health of individuals and communities, locally, nationally, and internationally.

BC Children's Hospital and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children are BC's major treatment, teaching and research facilities for child health. Serving children from birth to age 16, Children's is home to many specialized pediatric services available nowhere else in the province as well as many outpatient clinics that enable children to receive therapy, medical care and surgical treatment without an overnight stay.

BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre strives to provide excellence in care, research and teaching. It is the only facility in British Columbia devoted primarily to the health of women, newborns and families, offering a broad range of specialized services that address the health needs of women of all ages and backgrounds. BC Women's is one of the country's busiest and largest maternity hospitals and is the only source of tertiary maternity care in BC.

Applications, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae, evidence of effective teaching, a one-page vision document about directing the CMMT, and names of four references, should be directed to:

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Review of the applications will begin on December 18, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled.

CFRI, UBC and PHSA hire on the basis of merit and are committed to employment equity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. We especially welcome applications from members of visible minority group, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientation and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities. Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.