Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) | Department of Psychiatry

The Department of Psychiatry and the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) in conjunction with Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health invite applications for a full-time (1.0 FTE) faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor (tenure track). The ideal candidate will be a physician scientist with expertise in the area of translational neuropsychiatric research with a focus on the sequelae of mild traumatic brain injury (MTBI).

As part of one of the world’s leading universities, the UBC Department of Psychiatry supports outstanding research and engages local, national and global communities. We create an exceptional learning environment, advance mental health research and promote sustainable care for mental illness and addictions. The UBC Department of Psychiatry consists of more than 950 Department members, including academic and clinical faculty, trainees, students and staff. The Department’s medical education programs are some of the most widely distributed within the Faculty of Medicine consisting of faculty appointees and trainees located within each of British Columbia’s Health Authorities.

Affiliated with the UBC Department of Psychiatry, the IMH strives to lead in innovative, world-class mental health research and education. Bringing together clinician and basic scientists from multidisciplinary fields, the IMH is building a diverse research community with a common goal to create, advance and translate knowledge that will transform care for those impacted by mental illness and addictions. With the establishment of such programs as the IMH Marshall Fellowship to support the training of promising young scholars, the IMH is strongly invested in tomorrow’s leaders in translational mental health research.

The successful candidate will be expected to lead the translational MTBI research portfolio that will include the ability to lead the research in MTBI to the scientific forefront internationally, collaborating with world class basic scientists to advance the understanding of the neurobiological underpinnings of TBI, incorporating testing of novel treatments to address neuropsychiatric sequelae of MTBI, as well as representing UBC in guideline development at provincial, national and international levels. The successful candidate will also be expected to participate in the teaching activities of the Department of Psychiatry including in the Vancouver Summer Program, as well as provide mentorship and training to undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate learners, and produce educational programming with a focus on public engagement.

The successful candidate will hold an MD with certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (i.e. FRCPC) or equivalent qualifications in Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry. The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience with neuropsychiatric and traumatic brain injury populations, as well as interest and experience in working with government bodies, academic organizations, public health policies and services, and mental health systems. Clinical experience demonstrating the potential to make a significant contribution to patient care and psychiatric education is required. At the rank of Assistant Professor, the successful candidate will have demonstrated evidence of ability in teaching, evidence of ability in scholarly activity, and will be expected to provide service to the University and the broader academic and professional community.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. An application package should include a letter of interest outlining the applicant’s research, teaching and scholarly activities, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and the names of three references should be directed to:

Dr. Lakshmi Yatham, Professor and Department Head
Department of Psychiatry
The University of British Columbia
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Subject Line: Assistant Professor - MTBI
Additional information can be obtained by visiting psychiatry.ubc.ca or by email at psychiatry.headasst@ubc.ca

Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2021 and continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date for this position is July 1 2022, or upon a date to be mutually agreed.

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 10,000 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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