The Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia (UBC), invites applications for a full-time faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Global Environmental Health as part of the Occupational and Environmental Health Division in the School of Population and Public Health (SPPH). The position will be based in the SPPH building at the UBC Vancouver campus.

SPPH is a research-intensive unit that has a strong emphasis on education. SPPH is home to approximately 60 primary faculty members and 350 graduate students whose research interests align with four divisions: Epidemiology, Biostatistics & Public Health Practice; Health in Populations; Health Services and Systems; and Occupational and Environmental Health (OEH). The OEH Division has a 30-year history of international excellence, advancing science on the effects of community and workplace environments on health, through education, research, and practice. OEH areas of excellence include exposure assessment, environmental and occupational epidemiology, occupational hygiene and the use of linked health ‘big’ data to assess impacts of air quality, community noise, urban vegetation, temperature, and built environment/walkability/transportation features. The School is also home to an OEH Laboratory focused on exposure measurement.

SPPH provides training for undergraduate, graduate (PhD and Master’s), and post-professional students across multiple programs, including an MSc OEH degree and a new proposed graduate program in global health. SPPH has a long history and strong foundation at the forefront of, and training students in the use of large-scale routinely collected data sources, and in ethical and privacy-sensitive operations of data resources for researchers. This provides an excellent working environment for new scholarly activity according to interests of the incumbent.

Reporting to the School’s Director, the School is seeking applicants committed to an innovative program of research to understand relationships between the environment and the health of populations and communities from a global perspective. Areas of expertise may include, but are not limited to:

- Health impacts of climate change
- Global health disparities in environmental health/risk factors
- Urbanization and healthy built environments
- Transportation and health
- Resilience in response to environmental risks
- Planetary health

The successful candidate will hold a PhD in environmental health sciences/environmental epidemiology, or a related discipline. Candidates are expected to demonstrate clear potential to establish a high-impact extramurally-funded independent research program and have demonstrated evidence or possess clear potential to excel in research on relationships between the environment and health from a global perspective. Application of a decolonization lens to such relationships would be an asset. In addition, applicants will also have demonstrated a commitment to teaching and training students in areas related to global and environmental health and will be expected to provide service to the University and the broader academic and professional community.

Review of applications will begin May 16, 2023 and continue until the position is filled. The expected start date is January 1, 2024 or a date to be mutually agreed upon. Interested applicants should submit a single pdf file consisting of: an academic curriculum vitae, statements on 1) vision/interest/research, 2) teaching, and 3) current or planned contributions to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion, and names of three references, to
Details on Vision and Research Statement: In 2-3 pages, please include both information about your interest and vision for the role, as well as research expertise and experience, and your research plan as a new faculty member, including as appropriate current and potential collaborators (at UBC and elsewhere) and sources of funding.

Details on Teaching Statement: In 1-2 pages, please describe your teaching interests and experience at any and all scales from one-on-one tutoring to small group tutorials to teaching large section courses. Also, explain your teaching philosophy, including specific examples that have informed the evolution of that teaching philosophy.

Details on Diversity Statement: UBC’s strategic plan identifies inclusive excellence as one of our key priorities. We welcome colleagues with the experiences and competencies that can contribute to our principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout campus life. In 1-2 pages, please describe your current or planned contributions to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in academic, professional, or community settings.

Queries about the posting may be sent to Lena Kang, Program Manager, Global Health and Strategic Initiatives at: lena.kang@ubc.ca, with subject line: Assistant Professor (TT), Global Environmental Health or by phone: 604.827.4001.

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 12,000 faculty and staff are training the next generation of 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.

The UBC Vancouver Campus is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of thexʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) people. The City of Vancouver is located on Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations territory.

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.