

HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY

UBC Internal Search

The Faculty of Science at the University of British Columbia is seeking applications for the position of Head of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. The Department is committed to excellence in research and education, and plays a key role in a range of interdisciplinary programs, including the Life Sciences Institute and Biology program. Further information about the department can be found at <https://mbim.ubc.ca/>

We seek a candidate with an excellent international profile for scholarly activities, a strong commitment to educational programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and a compelling, cohesive vision for the future of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in research, education, and training. The candidate must demonstrate strong leadership abilities, including management, organizational, communication, and an ability to foster a collegial and inclusive departmental culture. With support from the leadership team, the successful candidate will be responsible for the overall academic and non-academic leadership of the Department, promotion of research and educational faculty through the ranks, and advocacy on behalf of the Department within the University and on the national and international stage.

The position is for a five-year term (potentially renewable for a second term), and will be available beginning July 1, 2026. The successful candidate must hold a tenured professorial position at the University of British Columbia, with strong preference being given to a faculty member currently at the rank of Professor. The University of British Columbia hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. We especially welcome applications from members of visible minority groups, women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities.

The deadline for applications is **February 18, 2026**; applications will be processed as soon as they are received. Applications, consisting of a cover letter (briefly describing your motivation for the role, vision statement, and leadership style), curriculum vitae (including publication record) and the names and e-mail addresses of two references, should be sent to:

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