The Faculty of Applied Science (APSC) at the University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver Campus, seeks outstanding internal candidates for the position of Head of the Department Chemical & Biological Engineering (CHBE). The position is for a five-year term and will be available beginning July 1, 2019.

The UBC Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering is known world-wide for its excellence in research and education. It is the only Chemical and Biological Engineering Department in the Province of BC and plays a key role in the Province’s economy (natural resources processing, forest products, energy, process industries, clean energy, bioproducts, biotechnology, environmental services etc.). The Department has strong links and excellent relations with other units within APSC and other Faculties on campus, including Science, Land and Food Systems, Forestry and Medicine. It further benefits from strong connections with major multidisciplinary research centres, including the Clean Energy Research Centre, the Pulp and Paper Centre and the Michael Smith Laboratories, as well as with industry and the community. It offers two Engineers Canada accredited undergraduate degree programs, Chemical Engineering, and Chemical and Biological Engineering, as well as several Masters degree programs and a PhD degree program. All of these programs offer students field-defining learning and training, and industry contact and research opportunities to enhance and complement the classroom learning experience. The department attracts both domestic and international students, with admission based on academic excellence. General information about the Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering is available at www.chbe.ubc.ca.

The Head is responsible for overseeing departmental vision, strategic planning, operations, finances, academic affairs, and external relations. The successful candidate must hold a tenured Full Professor position in the Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering at the University of British Columbia and will be committed to enhancing the University’s education, research, and service missions. The ideal candidate will possess an exceptional scholarly record, leadership skills, and strategic capacity to advance the department. Additional essential qualifications include successful administrative experience and the ability to effectively engage a broad range of internal and external constituencies, and a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Applications as well as nominations are now invited. Nominators must submit a brief description of why they consider the nominee to be a highly desirable candidate. After consulting with the committee, the Chair will invite some nominees to apply as deemed appropriate. The deadline for nominations is Monday, February 4, 2019 and that for full applications is Monday, February 25, 2019.

Full applications should include a brief cover letter, a current curriculum vitae, and names and contact information (including email addresses) of at least three references who are able to provide an objective assessment of their suitability for this leadership position. At minimum, one of the references must be external to UBC.

Interested faculty members can apply without being nominated. Applications should be addressed in confidence to:

Dr. James Olson, Chair
CHBE Head Search Committee
Faculty of Applied Science
5000 - 2332 Main Mall
UBC Campus
The package must be sent by e-mail only to sue.yee@ubc.ca and any attachments should be either Word or pdf files, set for printing on letter-size paper.

Review of applications will begin on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled.

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.