



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Department of Language & Literacy Education

Faculty of Education

### Instructor (Tenure-Track) Literacy Education in Elementary Classrooms

The Department of Language and Literacy Education (LLED), located in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver (Point Grey), invites applications for a tenure-track Instructor position (Educational Leadership stream) in Literacy Education in Elementary Classrooms. The position is expected to commence **May 1, 2020**.

The Department of Language and Literacy Education (LLED, [www.lled.educ.ubc.ca](http://www.lled.educ.ubc.ca)) is a vibrant, multidisciplinary group of outstanding researchers committed to excellence in scholarship, teaching, community engagement, and professional leadership. Our research and teaching are responsive to Canada's multicultural and multilingual contexts and the changing global and transnational influences on languages, literacies and cultures. Department members engage in research collaborations with educational communities at the local, national, and international levels to advance theoretical understandings, practical knowledge, and the study of the teaching and learning of language, literacy, literature and culture in their broadest sense. A major emphasis of the Department is on issues of equity and justice in a range of educational contexts and across a range of cultures. The Department contributes to the Faculty's Teacher Education Program and Master of Educational Technology, and offers Master's and Ph.D. programs in Literacy Education, Teaching English as a Second Language, and Modern Language Education.

The University of British Columbia is in beautiful Vancouver, a multicultural, multilingual city ranked as one of the world's best places to live. The University is recognized internationally as a leading research institution and, recently, was ranked as #3 in Canada in the QS World Rankings. The Faculty of Education shares this commitment to research excellence and provides a comprehensive set of programmatic offerings at the baccalaureate, magisterial and doctoral levels. Academic units include the Department of Language and Literacy Education, the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, the Department of Educational Studies, and the School of Kinesiology. The Faculty is a leader in Indigenous Education and offers additional cross-Faculty initiatives in early childhood education, educational technology and interdisciplinary studies. For further details about the Faculty and its research, please visit [www.educ.ubc.ca](http://www.educ.ubc.ca).

We seek applicants who will contribute to equal opportunities at the University of British Columbia. We particularly welcome candidates who place gender, race and ethnicity, diasporic concerns, underrepresented populations, or social inequalities at the center of their educational leadership, research and teaching interests in literacy education as these pertain to groups historically underrepresented in higher education.

Candidates must possess a doctoral degree in literacy education, experience teaching at the K-7 level as well as at the post-secondary level, excellent communication skills and an ability to work collaboratively. Evidence of knowledge and leadership in literacy education is essential. Preference will be given to candidates with documented prior experience at the elementary level, leadership experience in teaching, curriculum development, and program coordination, as well as some familiarity with district- and school-level administration of literacy and elementary education programming in British Columbia. Candidates should be able to teach courses to a diverse group of undergraduate and Master of Education students, and have excellent pedagogical and communicative skills, including the ability to translate research to diverse audiences.



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Preference will be given to applicants with the following qualifications: (a) familiarity with the BC educational context; (b) possession of a K-12 teaching certificate (ideally from Canada); (c) experience in teaching literacy education; (d) experience and interest in inquiry-based teaching and facilitating collaborative curriculum development; (e) a commitment to social justice and anti-racist education; (f) a commitment to instruction building upon students' native languages and cultures; and (g) recent experience in teacher education. Experience with other languages, literacies, and cultures in Canada and internationally is an asset.

The annual workload for a tenure-track Instructor includes a teaching assignment of courses scheduled over the academic year in combination with significant educational leadership opportunities, such as curriculum development and innovation, equivalent to a total of 24 credits. The successful candidate is expected to (a) teach primarily literacy and language arts courses in the Bachelor of Education (BEd) program as well as some literacy education courses in the Master of Education (MEd) program; (b) co-ordinate multi-section literacy education courses in the BEd program; (c) oversee programming for BEd literacy education teacher candidates in the Faculty of Education; (d) demonstrate a commitment to social justice and anti-racist education, and instruction building upon the sociocultural context of students' lives; (f) engage in outreach within the broader educational community, as well as professional teacher associations and relevant school district and governmental organizations, and (g) contribute to the scholarly community and service work of the Department, the Faculty of Education, and the University community.

This is a tenure-track position in the Educational Leadership stream. The successful candidate is, in later years, reviewed for reappointment, tenure and promotion in accordance with the UBC Collective Agreement. For a description of the Instructor rank and criteria for reappointment and promotion, visit: <http://www.hr.ubc.ca/faculty-relations/collective-agreements/appointment-faculty/>. Starting salary is determined both by the candidate's qualifications and experience and by the career progress scale within the Faculty of Education.

Applications should include (i) a cover letter indicating clearly the position being sought and outlining the applicant's potential Educational Leadership contributions to the Department, (ii) a curriculum vitae, (iii) evidence of teaching effectiveness (such as course outlines and student evaluations), (iv) a statement of Educational Leadership that includes your experience with pedagogical innovation initiatives and your teaching philosophy and interests, (v) a sample of scholarly writing, and (vi) the names and contact information for three references. The quality of teaching will be assessed as part of the selection process.

All applications must be submitted electronically, in the format of a single, bookmarked PDF file to: [lled-posting.educ@ubc.ca](mailto:lled-posting.educ@ubc.ca). Please include the position title in your subject line. **Review of the applications will commence on Sunday, December 1, 2019, but this position will remain open until 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; however, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.*