



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Applied Science

The Faculty of Applied Science at the University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver Campus, seeks outstanding internal candidates for the position of Head of the Department Chemical and Biological Engineering. The position is for a five-year term and will be available beginning July 1, 2026.

The UBC Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering is ranked among the best chemical engineering departments in Canada and among the top departments in the discipline worldwide. Its mandate is to develop and educate students and other highly qualified personnel to become professional leaders who deliver knowledge and innovations that contribute positively to a healthy society, economy, and environment. Through its research and technology development the department is widely known for delivering impactful advances in several key areas of chemical engineering science and has long been regarded as an internationally leading institute for biotechnology, energy and materials, environmental and process engineering. More information about the Department is available at www.chbe.ubc.ca.

Reporting to the Dean of Applied Science, the Head will serve as a key member of the Faculty's leadership team and will have overall responsibility for academic leadership and administration of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering. The successful candidate must hold a tenured Full Professor position in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver campus and will be committed to enhancing the University's education, research, and service missions. The ideal candidate will be a dedicated, visionary and collaborative leader with an exceptional scholarly record, proven leadership and management skills, a strong commitment to engaging with the professional community, a demonstrated commitment to advancing the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and Indigenization and Reconciliation and strategic capacity to advance the department.

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, March 2, 2026**.

Full applications should include a 2-page cover letter describing the candidate's vision and future priorities for the department, as well as highlighting how prior experience and leadership roles support the department's mission. They should also include 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 your 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 **Friday, March 20, 2026** 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.