



## **Academic English Program Director, UBC Vantage College**

UBC Vantage College's International Program will be launched in 2014. The Program's mandate is to offer a first-year undergraduate curriculum to international students as they prepare to enter as regularly matriculated second-year students in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science (with an initial target enrolment of 150 students in each). As the Program matures, it will gradually expand to prepare international students for entry into other Faculties with an overall expected steady-state enrolment of 1,000.

One of the College's core mandates is to serve as a UBC research laboratory for innovative pedagogy. The International Program is being designed as a unique first-year credit program for students needing additional English language education and apprenticeship into the expectations and dispositions needed to participate effectively in a North American undergraduate degree program. It will be based on a cohort model that is driven by a language/content-integrated curriculum in which academic English instruction is infused throughout.

To achieve these outcomes, a collaborative team of academic instructional staff will develop the program's 12-month language/content integrated curriculum. The curriculum will be aimed at developing competencies in academic English oracy, literacy, and numeracy that are required for success in North American Arts/Sciences undergraduate degree programs. As Academic English Program (AEP) Director, you will lead this work under the direction of the College Academic Director. You and your team will devise innovative language/content-integrated curriculum and programmatic structures; direct academic English instructional staff; coordinate professional development for them; plan for assessment and ongoing program evaluation; and develop a research agenda that advances the high expectations that UBC has for pedagogical innovation in this program. You and your team will have at your disposal the latest technology and tools as you work to create this dynamic teaching and learning environment.

The AEP Director is a tenure-track position appointed in the Department of Language & Literacy Education, UBC Faculty of Education with an anticipated start date January 2014 or sooner. Appointment will be made at the assistant, associate, or full professor rank, depending on qualifications and experience.

The Department of Language and Literacy Education is a vibrant, multidisciplinary group of outstanding researchers committed to excellence in scholarship, teaching, community

engagement, and professional leadership. A major emphasis of the Department is on issues of equity and justice across educational contexts and across a range of cultures, and our research and teaching practices are responsive to Canada's Indigenous, 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, drama/theatre and culture in their broadest sense (see [www.lled.educ.ca](http://www.lled.educ.ca) )

Successful applicants will be emerging or established scholars with a strong record of teaching, research, and service who can contribute significantly to the development of College's International Program and to the advancement of scholarship in English for Academic Purposes at UBC. They will demonstrate expertise in university-level academic English program management and supervision; academic English language/content-integrated curriculum development; a functional approach to language learning and teaching; English language assessment; and transnational/global perspectives on language and literacy education. Expertise in the design, development and delivery of blended online curricula will be of benefit, as will experience in supervising international students. Candidates who are bilingual or multilingual are strongly encouraged to apply.

Minimum qualifications:

- Ph.D. in applied linguistics, educational linguistics, second language acquisition, TESOL, or related field.
- A minimum of 5 years of experience teaching university-level English for academic purposes.
- A record of research scholarship and publication, preferably related to English for academic purposes.
- Experience in language/content-integrated curriculum development and instruction.

Qualified applicants are invited to send their curriculum vitae, a one to two page description of potential research possibilities for the College's International Program (as it has been outlined above), up to three relevant publications, and the names and contact information of three referees by September 15, 2013 to:

Angela Redish, Vice Provost and AVP Enrolment and Academic Facilities

c/o Susanne Schmiesing, Business Development and Operations Director,  
Email: [susanne.schmiesing@ubc.ca](mailto:susanne.schmiesing@ubc.ca)

This position is subject to final budgetary approval.

*UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified faculty are encouraged to apply. We especially welcome applications from members of visible minority groups, women, Aboriginal 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.*