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**Department Head
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The Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, invites applications for the position of Head, Department of Language and Literacy Education.

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is located 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. 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 Studies, the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, and Special Education, the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, 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 the website at www.educ.ubc.ca.

As one of the four departments in the Faculty of Education, the Department of Language and Literacy Education (LLED) has a vibrant, multidisciplinary group of outstanding researchers committed to excellence in scholarship, teaching, community engagement, and professional leadership. Faculty members in LLED 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. The department contributes to the Faculty's teacher education program and offers magistral and doctoral programs in Literacy Education, Teaching English as a Second Language, and Modern Language Education, and a diploma program in Teacher Librarianship. The Department participates in the interdisciplinary MA Program in Children's Literature, collaborates with colleagues in the Faculty of Arts, and actively participates in an international exchange program with Ritsumeikan University in Japan. (www.lled.educ.ubc.ca).

We are currently seeking applications for Department Head from individuals with an international reputation and a strong record of research and publication in Language and Literacy Education and related fields. Applicants should have interests in key areas of the Department and a desire to interact with colleagues from different fields of study within the Department, Faculty of Education, UBC, and the wider community.

Applicants should show evidence of successful administrative experience and strategic planning, including budgets, along with demonstrated leadership, communication, team-building, mentoring, problem-solving and interpersonal skills. The successful applicant will have a distinguished record of academic accomplishments consistent with a Professor with tenure in UBC.

The Headship appointment is for a period of up to 5 years, with the potential for renewal of another 5-year term. It is expected that the successful candidate will qualify for and be offered a separate academic appointment at the rank of Professor with tenure. The appointment is effective July 1, 2014 or a date agreed upon by the University and the successful applicant, and subject to final budgetary approval. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

While applications will be received until the position is filled, interested parties are encouraged to submit their applications by September 15, 2013 to ensure optimal consideration. Applicants should send their letter of application, including statements of administrative experience and leadership background as well as goals, curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching effectiveness and three letters of reference to:

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The University of British Columbia is responsive to the needs of dual career couples as an integral part of its strategy for excellence.

The University of British Columbia hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified persons 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. Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.