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UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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The University of Calgary (UCalgary), located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations) as well as the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The university recognizes that the City of Calgary is also home to Districts 5 and 6 of the Métis Nation of Alberta. By virtue of the signing of Treaty 7 in 1877, the university recognizes that we are all treaty people. The City of Calgary is home to diverse community. Together, we share this land, strive to live together, learn together, walk together, and grow together "in a good way."

About The University of Calgary

UCalgary is a global intellectual hub located in Canada's most enterprising city. UCalgary is a bold and spirited institution, recognized as one of Canada's top-five research universities, grounded in innovative teaching and learning, and fully engaged with the community it serves and leads.

"Great cities are built around great research universities and cities that successfully reinvent themselves do so in partnerships with focused, world-class institutions. The fate of Calgary and UCalgary are inextricably tied. Our community has supported us, and now is the time to show returns on those investments for the benefit of our community. Our ambition is nothing short of UCalgary being a catalyst of economic growth and quality-of-life improvements in this city and beyond."

- Dr. Ed McCauley, President & Vice-Chancellor, University of Calgary

UCalgary recently unveiled its Ahead of Tomorrow strategic plan, which articulates a 7-year vision out to 2030. It's a bold vision that reflects our ambition to increase access to future-focused education, to maximize the impact of our research and innovation, to put the community at the centre of all that we do, and to make our operational processes clearer, simpler and better than any other university.

To learn more about UCalgary's strategic plan, visit: <http://ucalgary.ca/about/ahead-of-tomorrow>

Despite its youth, at only 57 years of age, UCalgary is already one of the nation's leading research universities. It has five campuses in Calgary, one in Qatar, a University Innovation Quarter in Calgary, and five research stations in Alberta, BC, and the Yukon. UCalgary is a global intellectual hub for high-quality research and scholarship, one where students thrive in programs made rich by research, hands-on experiences, and entrepreneurial thinking, grounded in innovative learning and teaching; it is fully integrated with the community it both serves and leads. As a Comprehensive Academic and Research University, we aim to produce the next generation of leaders who experience the best possible training in acquiring and creating new knowledge.

These foundational values and commitments enable excellence, discovery, creativity, and innovation across the research ecosystem. With over 28,000 undergraduate students, 8,000 graduate students, 575 postdoctoral fellows/associates (postdocs), and 1,800+ faculty actively engaged in transdisciplinary discovery, creativity, and innovation across 14 faculties and schools, and supported by 3,200+ staff, we deliver over 250 degree and non-credit programs – undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees, postdoctoral training, and continuing and professional education programs. We

increasingly attract domestic students from within Alberta and across Canada, and our knowledge and experience are enriched by international students from over 119 countries.

With over \$545M in annual research revenue and more than 50 research institutes and centres, UCalgary has become known as a research powerhouse in Canada. The scholarly environment at UCalgary encourages our students, faculty, and staff to take on the tough challenges facing our society and to draw expertise from across all our domains to develop evidence-based solutions. We integrate research into graduate and undergraduate curricula, equipping students with transferable problem-solving skills tested in experiential and work-integrated learning scenarios to increase employability and opportunities for professional advancement.

UCalgary benefits from the ongoing support of our community, which rallies behind the university, recently completing the third-largest fundraising campaign in Canadian history, surpassing \$1.4B.

UCalgary is a large and complex institution that drives tremendous value with an annual consolidated budget of more than \$1.6B, it is among Calgary's largest employers, and generates over \$16B annually in economic impact to the province. Two-thirds of the university's 220,000 alumni live and work in the Calgary area, effectively building a city of leaders and those dedicated to improving quality of life and prosperity.

UCalgary has been recognized for eight consecutive years as one of Alberta's Top 75 Employers (2017–2024) and Canada's best diversity employer (2017–2024).

To learn more, visit ucalgary.ca. You can also view the [academic](#) and [research & innovation](#) plans, as well as the [Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility](#), [Indigenous](#), [mental health](#) and [sustainability strategies](#).

The Werklund School of Education

UCalgary's Werklund School of Education supports inter- professional and community-based enquiry from multiple perspectives in the generation and application of knowledge to social and individual change. Our goal is to be a national leader in knowledge creation and application of this knowledge to solve some of society's most pressing social issues. The Werklund School of Education has become known as a change leader in its field. We offer research-informed and active on-campus, online and community-based graduate and undergraduate programs, conduct purposeful research, and enable community-engaged knowledge exchange. With over 2,600 students, 30,000 alumni from 148 countries and more than 130 academic and support staff, we lead and advance research and theory that influences educational policy and professional practice for current and future generations.

Position Description – Centre Director of the Centre for Wellbeing in Education

The Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary is seeking an innovative academic scholar to assume the role of Centre Director for the Centre for Wellbeing in Education. This position is available at the rank of Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Associate Professor or Full Professor (with tenure) - Teaching and Research, with a five-year appointment as Centre Director and the possibility of renewal. The Centre is a dynamic unit dedicated to advancing the wellbeing of children, youth, and emerging adults (ages 4-25) through a comprehensive approach to research, education, and community service, and we seek an innovative leader to drive its mission forward.

The Centre Director will be at the helm of expanding the Centre's impact by developing a robust research program focused on school mental health and wellbeing. The role will involve leading high-impact research initiatives, seeking transdisciplinary collaborations both within the University and with external partners, and driving community engagement efforts. Alongside an established team, the Centre Director will exercise comprehensive oversight of all aspects of the Centre.

The successful candidate will hold a completed doctorate in Educational Psychology (Counselling Psychology, School Psychology), Education or a related discipline, and have a respected research program with a national or international reputation in school mental health and wellbeing. Experience with large-scale, externally funded research projects is preferred, along with a demonstrated ability to lead graduate-level teaching, supervise graduate students, and engage with professional communities. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record in securing research funding, fostering collaborations and a commitment to advancing the field through innovative research and practice. Preference will be given to candidates who are eligible for registration as a registered psychologist in Alberta.

Applicants at the **assistant professor** level must present evidence of an on-going research program beyond the doctoral dissertation, a publication record, evidence of successful teaching, and evidence of some engagement with professional and other communities.

Applicants at the **associate professor** level must present evidence of an established, externally funded research program, outstanding academic publication record, evidence of outstanding teaching and graduate supervision, a demonstrated ability to lead research teams, and evidence of academic service and/or leadership.

Applicants at the **full professor** level must present evidence of a well-established funded research program, a strong publication record, evidence of successful teaching and graduate supervision, and evidence of established academic engagements in professional and other communities.

To explore this opportunity further, please send your Cover Letter and CV in confidence, with the subject line "Centre Director" to: apply@jssearch.ca

The University of Calgary has launched an institution-wide [Indigenous Strategy](#) committing to creating a rich, vibrant, and culturally competent campus that welcomes and supports Indigenous Peoples, encourages Indigenous community partnerships, is inclusive of Indigenous perspectives in all that we do.

As an equitable and inclusive employer, the University of Calgary recognizes that a diverse staff/faculty benefits and enriches the work, learning and research experiences of the entire campus and greater community. We are committed to removing barriers that have been historically encountered by some people in our society. We strive to recruit individuals who will further enhance our diversity and will support their academic and professional success while they are here. In particular, we encourage members of the designated groups (women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible/racialized minorities, and diverse sexual orientation and gender identities) to apply. To ensure a fair and equitable assessment, we offer accommodation at any stage during the recruitment process to applicants with disabilities. Questions regarding [diversity] EDI at UCalgary can be sent to the [Office of](#)

[Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(equity@ucalgary.ca\)](mailto:equity@ucalgary.ca) and requests for accommodations can be sent to Human Resources (hrhire@ucalgary.ca).

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

About Calgary

Recently ranked the most liveable city in North America and 5th in the world (2024) by The Economist Intelligence Unit, and possessing one of the youngest populations of major cities in Canada, Calgary is home to world-class attractions, sporting amenities and public infrastructure that supports a healthy lifestyle, making it a great place to raise a family (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnh-WugziiiHwMT44-sVwrA>). Situated where the Canadian plains reach the sunny foothills of Canada's majestic Rocky Mountains, Calgary is a major urban centre surrounded by an area of profound beauty with an awe-inspiring mountains, lakes, rivers and gorgeous prairie.

Consistently rated by the United Nations as the world's best country to live in, Canada is the world's second largest country by total area and is one of the most ethnically diverse and multicultural nations. Canada ranks among the highest in international measurements of government transparency, civil liberties, quality of life, economic freedom, and education.