Academic Position, Multiple Sclerosis Neurology
Medical Director, Calgary Multiple Sclerosis Program
Department of Clinical Neurosciences
Cumming School of Medicine

The Department of Clinical Neurosciences (http://www.ucalgary.ca/dcns/), in partnership with, the Hotchkiss Brain Institute (HBI, http://www.hbi.ucalgary.ca/), in the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, invite applications for an appointment with Tenure at the Associate Professor or Professor level. This position is intended for a clinician-scientist specializing in Multiple Sclerosis to lead the Calgary Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Program at the Cumming School of Medicine. The successful candidate will be a member of the Section of Neurology.

The Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Section of Neurology and HBI are committed to fostering diversity through cultivating an environment where people with a variety of backgrounds, genders, interests and talents feel welcome and included. The HBI is one of seven institutes in the Cumming School of Medicine and is focused on Excellence in Brain and Mental Health Research and Education. It brings together over 250 full members working in this area.

We are seeking a clinician-scientist to co-lead our world class MS program into the future. The successful candidate will oversee the clinical research activities and clinical direction of our large, multidisciplinary MS program and drive our agenda of global leadership in MS care and foundational, translational, clinical and epidemiologic research. The selected candidate will co-lead the HBI’s multiple sclerosis team and extend its international prominence (https://hbi.ucalgary.ca/research/neural-injury-repair/MS).

We are seeking a neurologist who has demonstrated that their primary clinical interest is in the field of MS neurology and research. They will have demonstrated a record of high research productivity and success in an academic environment, having developed a program of investigator-originated research in MS (in foundational science, translational neuroscience, clinical or health-systems). Proven clinical excellence, academic productivity, a record of working well within a team, demonstrated organizational, academic leadership, collaboration and teaching skills are required. We anticipate that the successful candidate will drive academic research in health systems, epidemiology, clinical trials or basic and translational neuroscience in MS, and develop and implement a strategic plan for care delivery and leading bench to bedside research in MS in Calgary.

Qualifications include an MD, a specialist certificate in Neurology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (or equivalent), a minimum of two years of research and fellowship training, seven years as an independent investigator, and eligibility for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

Applicants at the Associate Professor level must present evidence of an established, externally funded (at the level of Tri-Council or equivalent peer reviewed National/International organization) research program, a strong publication record as evidenced by continuous publication in high ranking journals, including as senior or first author. Applicants must show evidence of successful teaching and/or graduate supervision, and evidence of established academic engagement in professional and other communities.

Applicants at the Professor level must provide evidence of a continuous, externally funded (at the level of Tri-Council or equivalent peer reviewed National/International organization) and well-established research program, outstanding academic publication record as evidence by continuous publication in high impact journals or leading in the field, demonstrated ability to lead research teams, outstanding teaching and graduate supervision record, and evidence of academic service and/or leadership.

Participation in Division, Department and Institute academic activities, and in the General Neurology inpatient service rotation (including weekends and some evening call) is expected. This position will be a clinician leader/clinician scientist role, with 65% time protected for research and program leadership. Salary support will be through the Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Section of Neurology, Alberta Medical Health Services Plan, supported by Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services and the Cumming School of Medicine.

Excellent facilities for clinical and basic neuroscience, health outcomes research and state-of-the-art clinical and research infrastructure, provide an environment conducive to leading-edge research. The Multiple Sclerosis Program in Calgary provides care to the 1.8 million residents of Southern Alberta and leads several programs of funded research. HBI and the Cumming School of Medicine and Department of Clinical Neurosciences will provide attractive start-up support, research space, and analytics facilities to equip the recruited candidate for success.

The University of Calgary is Canada’s leading next-generation university – a living, growing and youthful institution that embraces change and opportunity with a can-do attitude. Located in Canada’s most enterprising city, the university is making tremendous progress on its Eyes High journey to become one of Canada’s top five research universities,
grounded in innovative learning and teaching and fully integrated with the community it both serves and leads. Ranked as the top young university in Canada and North America, the University of Calgary inspires and supports discovery, creativity and innovation across all disciplines. For more information, visit ucalgary.ca.

Calgary is one of the world’s cleanest cities and has been named one of the world’s most livable cities for years. Calgary is a city of leaders - in business, community, philanthropy and volunteerism. Calgarians benefit from a growing number of world-class dining and cultural events and enjoy more days of sunshine per year than any other major Canadian city. Calgary is less than an hour's drive from the majestic Rocky Mountains and boasts the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America.

The University of Calgary recognizes that candidates have varying career paths and that career interruptions can be part of an excellent academic record. Candidates are encouraged but not required to provide any relevant information about their experience and/or career interruptions to allow for a fair assessment of their application. Selection committees have been instructed to give careful consideration to, and be sensitive to the impact of career interruptions, when assessing the candidate’s research productivity.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application online via University of Calgary Careers webpage using the ‘Apply Now’ link.

Please be aware that the application process allows for a maximum of four attachments. Your four application attachments should be organized to contain the following (you are encouraged to merge documents to reduce the number of attachments):

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Research interest statement (not to exceed 2 pages)
- Leadership statement including equity, diversity and inclusion considerations (not to exceed 2 pages)
- The names and contact information for three (3) referees. Reference letters will not be required unless the applicant is short-listed for a visit/interview.


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Application deadline: October 31, 2022

To learn more about academic opportunities at the University of Calgary and all we have to offer, view our Academic Careers website (http://careers.ucalgary.ca/). For more information about the Cumming School of Medicine visit Careers in the Cumming School of Medicine (http://medicine.careers.ucalgary.ca/)

The University of Calgary strongly recommends all faculty and staff are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The University of Calgary has launched an institution-wide Indigenous Strategy in line with the foundational goals of Eyes High, 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) 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. In this connection, at the time of your application, please answer the following question: Are you a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada? (Yes/No)

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