

Canada Research Chair, Tier 2, Berry Horticulture

Research, Engagement & Graduate Studies
Chilliwack
Application deadline: **January 31, 2022**

Job Number:

J1121-2055

Status:

Permanent

Open Positions:

1

Salary Scale:

CRC Funding/Faculty

Hours/Week:

35

Job Summary:

The University of the Fraser Valley invites applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor for the nomination of a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Berry Horticulture. The successful applicant will be eligible to hold a tenure-track/tenured appointment that could begin as early as August 2022. Tier 2 CRC appointments are for five years and are renewable for one additional term of five years. We encourage individuals from the four designated groups (women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, and members of visible minorities) to apply. For more information on our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan see here: <https://www.ufv.ca/president/presidents-task-force-on-equity-diversity-and-inclusion/equity-diversity-and-inclusion-action-plan/>.

We are looking for an exceptional researcher that has a consistent record of securing funds, publishing, and partnering with academics, berry producers, and government stakeholders in the agriculture sector. Subject areas that may be part of the research program may include one or more of:

- berry horticulture management

- berry breeding and varieties
- pest and disease management
- berry production physiology

The Chair will work collaboratively with berry producers, policy makers, producer and processing associations, and government agencies to develop a program of original research, that includes securing research funds, disseminating results through peer-reviewed journals, reports and agriculture extension workshops, and supervising students and postdoctoral fellows.

This position will contribute directly to fulfilling UFV's mission to engage learners, transform lives, and build community. As a regional teaching university, the University of the Fraser Valley has a strong reputation in undergraduate teaching and integrating undergraduates in our research programs. It is expected that the Chair will be expected to recruit and mentor undergraduate students to their research program, enhance student career potential and connect them professionally to the berry community. The Chair will have a reduced teaching load in support of their research program.

The goals of the Canada Research Chair program are to promote leading edge research and the training of highly qualified personnel at universities. This appointment is provisional and contingent on the successful preparation and submission of the CRC application by the selected candidate prior to appointment, and subsequent award of CRC funding. The candidate will also be required to submit a proposal to the Canada Fund for Innovation at the time of the CRC nomination.

Applicants should submit the following:

- a cover letter;
- a current curriculum vitae;
- three letters of reference from acknowledged scholars or equivalent professionals in the field;
- copies of three recent publications;

- a statement of how the proposed research program intersects with [UFV's Integrated Strategic Plan](#); and
- a four-page research proposal identifying areas of research interest within the broad area of Berry Horticulture

If you have any questions about this posting, then please contact Garry Fehr, [AVP, Research, Engagement, & Graduate Studies](#) at garry.fehr@ufv.ca.

UFV is committed to providing all qualified candidates with equal opportunity to participate in our recruitment process. If you are in need of accommodation, please contact Human Resources at hrinfo@ufv.ca.

Qualifications:

Tier 2 CRCs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars with less than 10 years of active research in their field post terminal degree. Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their terminal degree (and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental, extended sick leave or family care) may request that the University of the Fraser Valley have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's [Tier 2 justification process](#).

The nominee must meet the requirements for the position of Tier 2 Chair as defined by the CRC program. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website for full program information, including further eligibility criteria.

See https://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/nomination-mise_en_candidature-eng.aspx

About UFV:

The University of the Fraser Valley is located on the unceded (ancestral) territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples. We express our gratitude and respect for the honour of living and working in S'olh Temexw (Our World; Our Land). In all that we do, UFV strives to support and honour the Stó:lo peoples goals of self-determination and well-being on these lands. A commitment to Indigenization and Reconciliation is core to our institutional Vision and our Education Plan. This commitment includes the goal of centering Indigenous ways of knowing throughout our organization, recognizing our responsibilities to community, and a multi-year

plan to increase the number of Indigenous faculty, staff, and administrators working at UFV.

UFV has four campus locations within the beautiful Fraser Valley in British Columbia. Recognized as one of BC's top employers, UFV offers a combination of career and lifestyle benefits. Join a team of 1,400 passionate professionals who value integrity, inclusivity and excellence. At UFV, you will serve a vibrant community, and shape the future of 15,000 students.

Indigenization, equity, and diversity are essential to our work as a university. A diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been historically underrepresented and marginalized. At UFV, we are committed to recruiting a diverse workforce that represents the community we proudly serve. We encourage applications from Indigenous peoples, members of groups that experience discrimination due to race, colour, place of origin, ancestry, and/or religion, persons who identify as women and 2SLGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities. We invite applicants to complete a confidential self-identification survey as part of the application process. All questions are voluntary, with an option to decline to answer. Information will be used to support efforts to broaden the diversity of the recruitment process, and results are not shared with the selection committee. Inquiries about the survey may be directed to careers@ufv.ca. [Learn more about our commitment to diversity and inclusion.](#)

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. In an effort to be both environmentally and fiscally responsible, UFV will contact only candidates receiving an interview. We thank all applicants for considering UFV for employment. Shortlisted applicants may be required to undergo a criminal record check and/ or a verification of their education credentials.

UFV is committed to the principle of equity in employment.

Please note: you should receive a confirmation email once you have successfully applied to this position. If you do not, please contact the Njoyn Help Desk at candidate.njoynhelp@cgi.com or 1-877-427-7717 Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm (EST).