



The University of British Columbia
School of Public Policy and Global Affairs
Faculty of Arts
INSTITUTE of ASIAN RESEARCH
RESEARCH DIRECTOR
Call for Applications

Deadline for applications: 5pm, June 23, 2017

Applicants are asked to consult with their unit Head/Director to request a note of endorsement.

Please send C.V., 2-page expression of interest, and Head's endorsement to:

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Director *pro tem*

UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs

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The Research Directors of the Institutes located in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (the Policy School) report to the Director of the Policy School, and are responsible for specific aspects of the development and operation of their individual Institutes.

The IAR Research Director will receive a \$5,000 annual stipend (honorarium), plus one 3-credit teaching release, provided that their annual teaching commitment does not fall below 6 credits. The term of appointment is expected to be for two years starting July 1, 2017, with possibility of renewal for a further two-year term. This position does not attract administrative leave. The research director will benefit from staff support and budget to assist with their initiatives.

IAR Research Leadership

- Research leadership of the Institute, including collaboratively setting strategic directions with faculty members
- Advocacy and profile for the Institute and its discipline, both within and external to UBC in concert with the Director of the Policy School
- Promote extensive and high quality research activities of IAR associates as well as bringing colleagues from different disciplines and units across UBC
- Support for Policy School, inter-School and inter-Faculty research initiatives
- Liaison with granting agencies and industry and other research sponsors as necessary
- Research Centres, programs and initiatives in IAR report to the Research Director



External Relationships [National and international officials, universities representatives, think-tanks and other organizations concerned with contemporary Asia]

- Be the point person for visitors to the IAR as part of its role at UBC – the Asia “policy portal”
- Continue the strong relationships with the Institute’s external communities, including the professional community, other universities and organizations, government, business, consulates and alumni – in coordination with the Director and the Policy School “events” team
- Convene events, workshops and conferences of a scholarly nature each year as part of community engagement and alumni outreach

Graduate Students and Learning

- Support faculty members to create a high quality learning environment for research graduate students associated with the Institute of Asian Research

Management and Administration

- Participation in the School Executive and in the School Partner’s Council

Resources

- Collaborate with the Policy School Director and the Dean’s Office on fundraising activities
- Responsible for managing the IAR endowment and Research Centre funds in consultation with the Policy School Director

Qualifications

- Alignment with the general research and teaching interests of the Institute of Asian Research (see mandate of IAR)
- Commitment to building an interdisciplinary community of scholars – building relationships both internal to UBC and beyond to our external partners and stakeholders—given these coordination tasks excellent inter-personal skills are essential
- Experience and competence with at least 2 of the macro-regions of Asia is desirable (China, Japan, Korea, South East Asia, South-Asia)
- Open to senior Associate Professor and Full Professors

It is recognized that:

- (i) the Research Directors will not be engaged in equal measure in the full set of responsibilities that are indicated below;
- (ii) some of the listed responsibilities are carried out in collaboration with the Director of the Policy School; and
- (iii) many of the responsibilities entail significant delegation to faculty and/or staff members of the Policy School and its Institutes.

INSTITUTE OF ASIAN RESEARCH

The Institute of Asian Research (IAR) is UBC’s principal point of focus on Asia policy and current affairs. A campus-wide hub and a cross-Pacific partner, the IAR is dedicated to fostering closer understanding and human networks between Asia and North America in a way that will have a defining impact on the future global challenges of our common world. The Institute seeks to build knowledge that supports deep understanding and effective action



in addressing a wide range of domestic, regional and global problems centered on Asia. IAR advances this mission through five major activities: research; teaching; network-building across the university and with scholarly communities elsewhere; community interaction; and policy engagement. The Institute works closely with the UBC International Office and a number of academic departments in supporting collaborations with Asian partners.

<http://www.iar.ubc.ca/AboutUs/IARStrategicStatement.aspx>