

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research

Vice President, Research

Based in Vancouver, the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), funded by the province of British Columbia, is BC's health research funding agency. MSFHR helps develop, retain and recruit the talented people whose research improves the health of British Columbians, addresses health system priorities, creates jobs and adds to the knowledge economy. Established in 2001, MSFHR is a key participant in BC's health research and life sciences ecosystem. The Foundation works as a trusted partner with government, the health research community and the health system to support better health outcomes through research and its translation into new treatments, cures, practices and solutions. MSFHR is now seeking an experienced research leader to fill the newly created position of **Vice-President, Research**.

Reporting to the CEO, the Vice President, Research will work in collaboration with the CEO to develop a research agenda for the Foundation that helps determine and also study what the Foundation funds, how it supports the translation of evidence into practice and policy, and how it strengthens the research system in which it works. The VP, Research will lead a high-performing team, including three directors and 18 staff, and will be responsible for the management and oversight of a portfolio that includes research competitions, knowledge translation, strategic planning, partnership, and evaluation & impact analysis. A senior leader both internally and externally, the VP Research forges relationships with government, academia, partners and other funders, the health system and the community to establish BC as a hub of world-class health research that attracts, supports, and retains talented researchers.

Our ideal candidate brings a PhD in health sciences with a minimum of ten years' experience in health research systems. The incumbent is passionate about health research ecosystems, committed to enhancing the use of evidence in the work of funding agencies, and motivated to help build a strong, collaborative organizational culture. The preferred candidate has deep experience with funding agencies and a solid understanding of how health research and health care interface. They have demonstrated success as a leader of and mentor to staff at all levels along with an ability to inspire, influence, and motivate others. A skilled communicator, the incumbent is highly ethical with sound judgement and a focus on evidence-based decision making.

To explore this incredible opportunity further, please contact Esther McGregor or send your resume and related information to joanne.mcmullin@odgersberndtson.com. To submit your resume in confidence, please visit <https://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/15533>.

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