DIVISION HEAD, PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

The Departments of Oncology and Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary in conjunction with CancerControl Alberta, Alberta Health Services at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and the Clinical Departments of Oncology and Family Medicine, Calgary Zone, invite applications for a full-time academic position within the discipline of Palliative Medicine at the Associate Professor level or higher. In the Department of Oncology the duties include coordinating and leading the Division/Section of Palliative Medicine with approximately 20 faculty members in its research, teaching and patient care endeavours. Clinical care issues are mainly led by the Medical Director of the End of Life program in Calgary Zone, who will be a strong collaborator with this Division Head. In the Department of Family Medicine the duties of this individual include assisting training programs to be successful in the CCFP dedicated program. The successful applicant will become a member of a multidisciplinary tumour team in Palliative Care located at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and the Foothills Medical Centre site of the Calgary Zone. This multi-disciplinary team operates as an arm of the Calgary Zone Palliative Care program. Approximately 200 new patients are seen each year at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre through the clinic.

The Calgary Zone comprises four teaching hospitals situated in the city of Calgary, and serves residents of southern Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Calgary is a vibrant, multicultural city (population ~1.2 million) near the Rocky Mountains, Banff National Park and Lake Louise.

The Tom Baker Cancer Centre, as a component of a provincial program of cancer control through Alberta Health Services, is a tertiary referral centre and the main cancer treatment, research and education facility for southern Alberta. The Palliative Medicine program is delivered through affiliations with the University of Calgary and the Calgary Zone. Postgraduate training programs in most oncology disciplines are provided within the Department of Oncology. The Southern Alberta Cancer Research Institute provides a strong focus for basic research. Palliative Medicine will also be a pillar of the Strategic Cancer Network. This will be a joint appointment with the Department of Family Medicine.

CancerControl Alberta, Alberta Health Services is planning for a new, free-standing cancer centre. CancerControl Alberta, Alberta Health Services anticipates substantial growth in the palliative medicine program in Calgary, with opportunities for the new leader to develop and implement an innovative vision for palliative medicine services and research located in the new state-of-the-art cancer centre that will include dedicated in-patient units, wet and dry lab research facilities, rapid assessment units for selected cancers, and dedicated diagnostic imaging and diagnostic laboratory facilities.

Increasing scholarly capacity will help the University of Calgary meet its strategic goal to become one of Canada’s top five research universities by 2016, where innovative teaching and groundbreaking research go hand in hand, and where we fully engage the communities we both serve and lead. The strategy is called Eyes High, inspired by the university’s Gaelic motto, which translates as ‘I will lift up my eyes.’

Qualifications include a MD with training or experience in Palliative Medicine or special competency in one of the Oncology disciplines (or equivalent), a demonstrated record of academic success and leadership in a team environment, and eligibility for licensure in the Province of Alberta.

Please submit a curriculum vitae and a statement of career goals together with the names of three referees by February 28, 2014 to:

Dr. Peter Craighead
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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Calgary respects, appreciates, and encourages diversity.