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ST. MARK'S COLLEGE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Visiting Scholar in Ethics

St. Mark's College (SMC) and Providence Health Care (PHC) have partnered to promote the study and practice of Catholic health care ethics and are pleased to invite a scholar to spend a shared academic year at both institutions. This position will strengthen St. Mark's College's ability to provide ethical formation in the Archdiocese of Vancouver (RCAV) and serve the development of Mission and clinical ethics at Providence Health Care. This position also offers the visiting scholar a unique opportunity to experience how bioethics and the healing ministry is applied in the field at a Catholic hospital. This joint undertaking takes place within a broader partnership with the RCAV around Catholic health care ethics.

About the Organizations

The Community of St. Mark's, which includes St. Mark's College and Corpus Christi College, is the Catholic centre at UBC. St. Mark's College educates undergraduate and graduate students through a theological lens, preparing them to become leaders in Catholic schools, healthcare, and social services.

Inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, Providence Health Care is a Catholic health care community dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of those served through compassionate care, teaching and research.

It is the goal of Providence Health Care to respond with compassion and innovation, keeping patients, residents, clients, and their families at the centre of care.

Catholic health care starts with a spiritual purpose: a deep-rooted calling to serve everyone and to come to one other with vulnerability. Every day, health care decision-making becomes ethically more complex for care providers as they come face-to-face with new technologies, and numerous biomedical and scientific advances.

Education and critical reflection about Catholic ethics at both St. Mark's College and Providence Health Care is a response to an urgent need for well-trained professionals and community leaders to provide leadership and counsel in today's challenging environment of rapid technological breakthroughs, limited resources, and shifting social and policy trends.

Expectations and Responsibilities

This is a one-year in-person position, located in Vancouver, BC, that is scheduled to run from August or September 2023 – July/August 2024.

At St. Mark's College, the successful candidate will:

- teach one to two courses in Catholic ethics (TBD) with the possibility of designing a new course in ethics
- conduct research in a cognate area of ethics
- engage faculty members and students at the College as well as through the Centre for Christian Engagement

At Providence Health Care, the successful candidate will have the opportunity to:

- participate in clinical ethics seminars provided by the PHC Ethics team as part of its Fellowship program
- participate in clinical ethics reviews to develop foundational understanding of clinical ethics in the field
- access the expertise of the PHC Ethics team regarding areas of personal interest

The candidate will also be expected to:

- lead two (or more) ethics talks aimed at non-clinical and clinical audiences on one or more health ethics topics
- work with the PHC Mission team to advance PHC's healing ministry work of social justice and compassion through engagement, education and resource development (eg join in presentations and contribute written communications)
- work with the PHC Mission team in supporting leadership formation through development of enduring education resources

For both institutions, the successful candidate will

- give at least one of the co-sponsored public lectures in the Compassion and Social Justice in Health Care lecture series

Compensation

The stipend includes:

- a stipend of \$50,000-\$65,000 (CDN), depending on the candidate's qualifications.
- housing and/or relocation allowance may be available if candidate not local.

Qualifications and Skills

This position may be of interest to experienced scholars as well as emerging scholars in the field of health ethics. Expectations of applicants include:

- a Ph.D. or equivalent, including successful defense of a doctoral dissertation (exceptional candidates who are ABD will be considered) with at least 1-2 years post-secondary teaching experience;
- an interest/expertise in contemporary Catholic ethics, especially bioethics;
- experience in and or willingness to collaborate with a variety of constituencies in a health care ethics environment;
- strong oral and written communication skills in a range of settings: clinical, corporate and academic;

- commitment to advancing the missions and visions of St. Mark's College and Providence Health Care.

As mentioned above, applications will be accepted from academics in varied stages of their careers, both senior scholars and emerging thinkers in this field. Each application will be reviewed with a consideration of how the applicant's interests and experience can contribute to the work of St. Mark's and PHC, and how St. Mark's and PHC can support the applicant's further work and learning.

Applicants are required to submit a cover letter indicating how they meet the requirements of the position, a *curriculum vitae*, and the names and contact information of three individuals who can provide references on request. The cover letter should highlight:

- your experience and interest in Catholic health ethics;
- what you hope to gain from this role;
- what your unique skills and interests will contribute to SMC and PHC;
- details on how you imagine fulfilling the expectations of the role (e.g. presentation topics, research project, etc).

Applications or expressions of interest should be submitted to: hr@stmarkscollege.ca.

This announcement is directed primarily but not exclusively to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Applications are encouraged from all qualified individuals, especially women, members of racialized or minoritized communities, Indigenous persons, and persons with disabilities.

The Committee will start reviewing applications on January 16, 2023.

Preferred Start Date: August/September 2023