



Assistant Professor in Energy Transitions

The [Department of Geography](#) at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Energy Transitions.

We seek a critical scholar in political economy and/or political ecology engaged in grounded research and advocacy working in the field of energy transitions and decarbonization. We expect the successful candidate: to engage in academic and public debates about energy futures with varied audiences at local, national and international scales; to reckon with the uneven impacts of energy transitions on diverse and interconnected geographies, including the Global South; and to possess a broad knowledge base and skill set appropriate for teaching the possibilities and challenges of energy transitions and decarbonization. Areas of focus may include but are not limited to: transition and negative emission politics; radical, anti-imperial and Indigenous politics; green colonialism and extractivism; critical or transition mineral extraction; finance and financialization; labour and work transitions; net-zero energy systems, including the politics of transition-focused science and technologies.

We seek applicants with the following qualifications:

- Ph.D. in Geography or a related discipline (consideration will be given to promising applicants who are near completion of a doctorate degree by the time of appointment).
- Demonstrated potential for research excellence including an ability to initiate and maintain an externally funded research programme.
- Capacity to teach and develop curriculum in the undergraduate and graduate programmes in Geography related to energy geographies and climate and environmental justice; and to further the department's ongoing efforts to foster diversity, equity and inclusion, to decolonize our curriculum, and to align it with UBC's Indigenous Strategic Plan.

The closing date for applications is **September 15, 2024**. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The anticipated starting date for the position is July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, dependent on immigration and travel restrictions.

Applicants should submit:

1. Cover letter (up to 2 pages).
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. Research Statement (up to 2 pages) describing your current and proposed research

program.

4. Teaching statement (1 page) describing your teaching philosophy and evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., sample syllabi, evaluations).
5. Statement (up to 1 page) identifying your past contributions to equity, diversity and inclusion, along with your ability to work with a culturally diverse student body (use specific examples where possible); as well as your philosophy of, and potential future contributions to equity, diversity and inclusion.
6. Names and contact information for 3 referees.
7. PDFs of two sample scholarly publications (or include links in the application).

Applicants should be prepared to upload in the above order and in a single PDF (maximum size 15MB) via this online form: <https://geog.air.arts.ubc.ca/position-000174904/>

Only complete applications will be considered by the search committee. Questions may be directed to the chair of the search committee: Dr. Trevor Barnes, tbarnes@geog.ubc.ca

This position is subject to final budgetary approval. The expected pay range for this position is \$9,442 - \$10,730/month over a 12-month period. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Equity, inclusion and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

Applicants will be asked to complete an equity survey. The survey information will not be used to determine eligibility for employment but will be collated to provide data that can assist us in understanding the diversity of our applicant pool and identifying potential barriers to the employment of designated equity group members. Your participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential. This survey takes only a minute to complete. You may self-identify in one or more of the designated equity groups. You may also decline to identify in any or all the questions by choosing "not disclosed".

The UBC Vancouver campus is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. UBC is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world. UBC embraces innovation and challenges to the status quo. UBC is dedicated to ensuring that diversity, equity and

inclusion are embedded throughout the university's academic and work life, recognizing that significant work remains to be accomplished. For example, UBC's vision is to be a world leader in the implementation of Indigenous people's human rights and is guided in a mission of reconciliation as articulated and called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. It is firmly committed to recruiting Indigenous faculty, students, and staff as outlined in its [Indigenous Strategic Plan](#). As one of the world's leading universities, UBC creates an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world.