

## **Interim Director, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies Summary of Role and Responsibilities**

### **Overview of the Institute**

*The Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies provides a home for and promotes collaborative, advanced interdisciplinary research for UBC scholars at all stages of their career.*

Established in 1991, PWIAS is UBC's premier institute for exchanging ideas, advancing research beyond disciplinary boundaries, and fostering innovative thinking in the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. The Institute brings together a research community of some 450 outstanding scholars from UBC faculty and academic units campus-wide. It provides a variety of interdisciplinary initiatives including residential and international programs, global exchanges and partnerships.

### **Role and Responsibilities of the Interim Director**

The Interim Director will be an accomplished UBC scholar with a broad range of interests who can assume responsibility for the day-to-day programmatic and other activities of the Institute, be a primary point of contact for ongoing conversations about future initiatives of the PWIAS and a planned external review, and represent the Institute to the external community. The Director will be based in the Institute and dedicate approximately half-time to the Institute's affairs, while continuing to be involved in his or her own active program of scholarship.

The Director is expected to be a full professor of exceptional standing in an academic unit at UBC, and have outstanding leadership, administrative, and interpersonal skills.

The Director will be supported by dedicated administrative and communications staff, and will work closely with and report to the Board of Trustees. The successful candidate will be appointed for the remainder of 2019, with the possibility of a renewal or extension by mutual agreement of the Board, and based on the needs of the Institute.