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 community of outstanding scholars and researchers from UBC faculty and academic units campus-wide. It provides a variety of interdisciplinary initiatives including residential and international programs, global exchanges and partnerships.

The President has asked the Vice-President Research & Innovation to coordinate a search for a new Interim Director for the Institute.

Role and Responsibilities of the Interim Director .5FTE June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022

The Interim Director will be an accomplished UBC scholar with a broad range of interests who can assume responsibility for the temporarily reduced programmatic activities of the Institute, specifically the Wall Scholars Program. Following an external review requested by the Senate, the PWIAS is undergoing a period of strategic review and is responding to the recommendations provided by the external review committee in 2020. The Interim Director will engage with the Academic Advisory Board and the UBC academic community. They will dedicate approximately half-time to the Institute’s affairs, while continuing to be involved in their own active program of scholarship.

The Interim Director is expected to be a professor of exceptional standing in an academic unit at UBC, and have outstanding leadership, administrative, and interpersonal skills, as well as a record of sustained involvement with PWIAS activities. They will be supported by dedicated staff, and will work closely with the Vice-President Research & Innovation. The successful candidate will be appointed from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.