Real Estate Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Gerontology Research Centre

Simon Fraser University seeks a recent doctoral degree graduate with strong research skills and interest in environmental gerontology. This is a one-year position within the internationally renowned Gerontology Research Centre (GRC), with potential for up to two renewals. Salary is between $28,000 and $35,000 per annum plus a professional development allowance. Established in 1982, the GRC’s (www.sfu.ca/grc) mandate is to conduct and foster research on individual and population aging as well as to serve as a central source of information on aging. Five themes guide the Centre’s activities: Aging and the Built Environment, Health Promotion/Population Health and Aging, Prevention of Victimization and Exploitation of Older Adults, Changing Demographics and Lifestyles, and Older Adult Education. Dating back to 1982, GRC researchers, faculty and graduate students from the associated Department of Gerontology (www.sfu.ca/gerontology) have produced books and articles, theses and graduate projects on environmental gerontology. Research projects have included low-income seniors housing, housing for ethnic minorities, assisted living, design of acute hospitals, post-occupancy evaluations, regional and national surveys, policy analysis, and focus groups and in-depth interviews using qualitative methodologies. The candidate will have access to the Dr. Tong Louie Living Laboratory (www.sfu.ca/livinglab), which has potential for a variety of studies of the built environment and evaluation of assistive technology using video equipment for behavioural observation, monitoring changes in body mechanics, and use of force plates to measure changes in gait. Applications are welcome from design-related disciplines, engineering, health-related disciplines, and social sciences. The successful candidate will have publications and research interests/experience in the area environment and aging. There is also the possibility of teaching opportunities for the Department of Gerontology. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. SFU is committed to the principle of equity in employment and offers equal opportunities to qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and person with disabilities. SFU is committed to the principle of equity in employment. Applicants should include a covering letter, curriculum vitae, evidence of the qualifications being sought, two samples of their publications, and the names of three references. Applications should arrive no later than July 15, 2006 with a flexible start date. Address correspondence to: Professor Andrew Wister, Acting Director, Gerontology research Centre and Chair, Department of Gerontology, 515 West Hastings, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5K3.