The University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, invites applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Medical Microbiology & Immunology. Located in Edmonton, Alberta, the Faculty is internationally recognized among the world’s top medical schools. The University is currently home to over 39,000 students with more than 11,000 faculty and staff. The University has an annual budget in excess of $1 billion and attracts nearly $450 million in sponsored research revenue (~45% to the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry).

The Department of Medical Microbiology & Immunology academic responsibilities include:

- Undergraduate BSc program in Immunity and Infection
- MSc and PhD Graduate Programs
- MD Residency Program in Medical Microbiology accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

The Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology is a collegial and research-intensive department pursuing studies relating to the microbiological causes of disease (bacterial and viral) and immune responses to infection, cancer and the host (autoimmunity). It comprises about 190 people including 23 Faculty and Faculty Service Officers, 35 Adjunct and Cross-appointed Faculty, and 66 graduate and post-graduate trainees, supported by an office of 7 administrative staff. Faculty members are supported by both base university funding and competitive salary awards, including Tier I and II Canada Research Chairs. A Canada Excellence Research Chair in Virology was recruited in 2010. The combined internal and external annual operating budget of the Department is ~$10.5 million.

The Department offers an environment where researchers can access state-of-the-art equipment such as new cell-sorting and imaging facilities (including super-resolution microscopy), an siRNA screening core, and BSL2 and BSL3 animal housing. These infrastructures were funded by $35 million in awards from federal and provincial sources. The Department is closely aligned with the Li Ka Shing Institute of Virology, a research institute founded in 2010 following a gift from the Li Ka Shing. The Department also maintains close ties to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health.

In addition, opportunities exist to develop new research themes or collaborations within any of the Research Institutes, Centres or Groups in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (http://www.med.ualberta.ca/research) or the University of Alberta (www.ualberta.ca). These include the Centre for Neuroscience, the Alberta Diabetes Institute, the Alberta Transplant Institute, the Cross Cancer Institute, the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, or the Women & Children's Health Research Institute.

The Chair will:

- Engage in faculty development and inspire excellence in research and education
- Develop, deliver and execute a strategic plan for continued departmental growth in the delivery of superior educational programs and research innovation
- Work to propagate interdisciplinary research
- Be responsible to increase visibility for the Department within the Faculty, the University community, nationally, and internationally
- Support the growth and continued accreditation of the Department’s educational programs

The Department seeks an experienced and a visionary academic leader who, through recruitment and retention, builds on the base of existing research while innovating in new research domains.

The successful candidate will have administrative experience in an academic setting, and will be a PhD or MD/PhD with an established academic track record and a leadership background. The Chair must have a demonstrated ability to foster mentorship and career development opportunities for faculty members. Strong and well developed interpersonal communication skills are an asset. Rank, terms of the appointment and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Details about the University of Alberta, the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry and the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, can be found at www.ualberta.ca.

Interested candidates should submit an electronic version of their application including an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a short (3-page) statement of current and future research interests, a summary of teaching experience and philosophy, as well as their thoughts on how to meet the challenges of academic leadership to support research endeavors in bacteriology, immunology and virology. Names and contact information of three referees should also be included.

Interested individuals are asked to submit their material by December 6th, 2013; however, the competition will remain open until the position is filled.

Application packages in an electronic format should be addressed to:

Alexander Clanachan, PhD
Chair, Search & Selection Committee MMI
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2H7

Interested applicants may apply to:

http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A104419713/

E-mail : sandy.clanachan@ualberta.ca

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are committed to the principle of equity in employment.

We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.