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Dr. Deborah Buszard is Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus in Kelowna, BC, and a core member of the University's executive leadership team.

Before coming to UBC in 2012, Dr. Buszard was a professor and member of the College of Sustainability at Dalhousie University, in Halifax, NS. She coordinated the academic sustainability project at Dalhousie which led to the creation of the College of Sustainability in 2008.

Prior to joining Dalhousie in 2006, she was Professor of Plant Science at McGill University and she served as Dean of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Associate Vice-Principal of the Macdonald Campus from 1996 to 2005.

A plant scientist and strawberry breeder, Dr. Buszard is author of numerous refereed scientific and technical publications on agriculture, fruit physiology, breeding and management. Her current research interests include institutional innovation and sustainability.

Dr. Buszard was born in the U.K. and received her PhD from the University of London. She has published research on plant physiology, strawberry breeding and horticultural crop management. She has been an active member in her community, including serving as Chair of the Board of Vanier College and President of the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science.