

"Witnessing the speed of 'omics' advancements and trying to understand the potential impact to so many different aspects of our lives is one of the things that makes the work so interesting."



Dr. Ellie Griffith

Sector Director, Health

Dr. Ellie Griffith leads Genome BC's team of Sector Managers in health. Working with her team, Ellie oversees Genome BC's health portfolio, stakeholder engagement, partnership and proposal development within the health sector to leverage the application of 'omics' in ways that improve the health and wellness of British Columbians.

Ellie brings over 15 years' experience, including a background in cancer and rare disease research, to her role as Interim Director of Health. For the past 10 years, Ellie has been instrumental in project oversight and the operational management of Genome BC's research portfolio. This includes program management of projects funded through Genome Canada and Genome BC programs. Ellie also enjoys fostering relationships within the life science community and using her experience to mentor those looking to make early stage career transitions.

Ellie holds a PhD in cancer genetics from the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research in Glasgow and BSc and Master's degrees from the University of Manchester. Following her PhD, she carried out postdoctoral research studying the function of plant siRNA in mammalian systems at the University of Glasgow followed by a position as Career Development Fellow at the MRC Human Genetics Unit in Edinburgh where she studied rare inherited disorders affecting brain size.

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