**Faculty Research Fellow Call for Applications**
1 July 2024 through 30 June 2026
Due 11:59pm on 30 April 2024

The Centre for Culture and Technology is inviting applications for its **inaugural class of Faculty Research Fellows**. Faculty Research Fellows will serve terms of two years at the Centre for Culture and Technology.

Faculty Research Fellowships will be awarded to any research-stream faculty member at the University of Toronto, from any department or program on any campus, working on questions of media and technology in critical, aesthetic, and/or humanistic modes. This year's programming is dedicated to the theme, **“Absent Here, Present There.”** The selection committee will prioritize candidates whose research intersects with the theme, detailed [here](#).

Faculty Research Fellows will receive research funds of **$5,000 per year**, each year they hold the Fellowship (total award of $10,000), as well as up to **50 hours annually of research assistance** from the Centre's Research Assistants.

Each year of their fellowship, Faculty Research Fellows will be expected to give a public talk related to their research as one of the Centre's Monday Night Seminars, and to attend all other Monday Night Seminars (10 total meetings). They will also be expected to participate in the Centre's Research Workshop (along with the Director and Graduate Research Fellows; 7 total meetings).

In addition, Faculty Research Fellows will, in consultation with the Director, develop a plan for extramural funding of their ongoing research. This plan will include submission of at least one grant application to SSHRC or another relevant funding body each year of the fellowship. **Fellows will receive intensive mentorship and support in grant planning and writing from the Centre's Director, as well as the Faculty of Information's research staff.** The Centre may offer in-kind support or additional funds in cases where granting agencies require matching funds from U of T (e.g., SSHRC Connection Grants). Additional supports may include a book manuscript seminar and/or on-campus events with book editors from relevant presses. **In cases where a Fellow is successful in a grant application through the Fellowship, the Centre will work with the Fellow's home unit to explore a course release or other supports for the project where plausible and appropriate.**
The Faculty Research Fellows program is, effectively, a research incubator: the program will support faculty members as they articulate their media studies research for granting agencies, publishers, and new audiences. In particular, we aim to expand Fellows' imagination and capacity for multi-modal and collaborative research. **Priority will be given to early-career candidates, or established candidates who do not currently hold multiyear grants** (e.g., SSHRC Insight or Partnership stream grants).

Fellowship applications will consist of:

- a cover letter of not more than one page;
- a CV;
- a research statement of not more than two pages, detailing the candidate's ongoing and future research, and explaining the intersection of the candidate's research with the Centre's programming theme, “Absent Here, Present There”;
- a writing sample (published or unpublished), preferably related to the research to be undertaken during the term of the Fellowship; and,
- contact information for the candidate's immediate supervisor (dean, chair, director).

Applicants should send all application materials by email to cultureandtech@utoronto.ca, **not later than 30 April 2024**. Inquires about the fellowship may be addressed directly to the Director of the Centre, Scott Richmond, at s.richmond@utoronto.ca.