

The Asper Fellowship in Media
Faculty of Information and Media Studies
Western University, London, Ontario, Canada

The Faculty of Information and Media Studies (FIMS) at Western University invites applications for the Asper Fellowship in Media. The role of the Fellow is to promote public discussion of a range of issues related to the nature of Canadian media. In reckoning with ongoing activism and policy responses to social violence and exclusion, our current Asper Fellowship emphasizes the intersection of media and marginalized or targeted groups in Canada and abroad, including but not limited to Indigenous communities and communities of colour, LGBTIQ2S communities, disability communities, and migrant communities. We seek applications from scholars and journalists who study or produce media for and about marginalized and targeted communities in mainstream or independent contexts. We also recognize the importance of studying and representing intersections among communities and their members.

The Fellow is in residence for one term: for the coming year, January-April 2026. The successful applicant will receive compensation of \$31,768 plus vacation pay and up to \$10,000 to support project activities during the tenure of the fellowship. Support for travel and housing is also available. The amount awarded for project support will depend upon the scope of the proposed project and an approved budget, to be determined in consultation with the Dean.

During the term of the Fellowship, the Asper Fellow will teach one course in an area of expertise directed to one or more of the Faculty's programs. For 2026, we hope to attract a Fellow who can offer a Master's level course on podcasting. Asper Fellowship teaching takes place in person. The Fellow will also deliver a public lecture, panel, multimedia or other format event to the Faculty and University community and will be engaged in a significant media-related project that will lead to broader public dissemination. Currently, we seek projects that address the life, history, and resistance of marginalized and/or targeted communities through a Canadian media lens.

We anticipate that this position will appeal to journalism/media practitioners or to journalism/media scholars who would value an opportunity to engage in focused teaching and scholarly reflection. We also anticipate that the successful applicant will be a distinguished leader in the area of journalism/media studies who will use the Asper Fellowship opportunity to enrich teaching and scholarship or media making at Western.

The Faculty of Information and Media Studies is a vibrant, interdisciplinary Faculty. We offer an undergraduate program in Media and Communication Studies (MACS), including a related stream in Media and the Public Interest (MPI) with an enrolment of approximately 1,000 students, and graduate programs in Journalism and Communication, Media Studies, Library and Information Science, and Health Information Science. Information about the Faculty can be found at <https://www.fims.uwo.ca/>.

Western University delivers an academic experience second to none. Western challenges the best and brightest faculty, staff, and students to commit to the highest global standards. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western attracts individuals with a broad worldview, seeking to study, influence, and lead in the international community. Since 1878, The Western Experience has combined academic excellence with life-long opportunities for intellectual, social, and cultural growth in order to better serve our communities.

Interested candidates should submit the following: a curriculum vitae; sample publications (maximum 25 pages), and/or links to creative works; names and contact information of three references; a cover letter describing their qualifications and project interests, and a completed Western Full-Time Faculty

Application form found here: <http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf>

Applications should be sent as a single PDF file via email to:

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Faculty of Information and Media Studies
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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applicants will begin after 10 July 2025.

Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups/visible minorities, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Lilianne Dang at 519 661-2111 ext 86548.

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