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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 racism and inclusion, our current Asper Fellowship emphasizes the intersection of media and racialized groups in Canada and abroad, including Black communities, Indigenous communities, communities of colour and new immigrant communities of colour. We seek applications from scholars and journalists who study or produce media for and about racialized groups in mainstream or independent contexts.

The Fellow is normally in residence for one term: for the coming year, either September-December 2021 or January-April 2022. The successful applicant will receive compensation of \$20,000 which includes benefits for the term, and up to \$10,000 to support project activities during the tenure of the fellowship. Travel and housing support are also available. The amount available for project support will depend upon the project's proposed scope and an approved budget, to be determined in consultation with the Dean and the FIMS Assistant Dean, Research. Asper Fellowship teaching takes place in person, though the 2021-22 Fellowship may shift on-line pending COVID19 health and safety requirements.

During the term of the Fellowship, the Asper Fellow will teach one course in an area of expertise in one of the Faculty's programs, will deliver a public lecture to the Faculty and University community, and will be engaged in a significant media-related project that will lead to public dissemination. Currently, we seek projects that address the life and history of racialized groups, and/or the burdens of racism and exclusion, 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. It currently offers an undergraduate program in Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT), and a related stream 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) 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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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applicants will begin after April 15, 2021.

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, Aboriginal 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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