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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 and communications.

In reckoning with ongoing activism and policy responses to social violence and exclusion, our current Asper Fellowship emphasizes the intersection of media and marginalized groups in Canada and around the world, including but not limited to Indigenous communities and communities of colour, LGBTIQ2S communities, disability communities, and migrant communities. We seek applications from scholars, journalists and professional communicators who study or produce media for and about marginalized groups (and their intersections) in mainstream or independent contexts. For this round, we especially welcome projects that reflect on collaboration with communities about community life, history, agency and resistance through a Canadian and/or international media lens.

The Fellow is in residence for one term: for the coming year, January-April 2025. It is a visiting appointment, with the rank determined by experience and qualifications. The successful applicant will receive compensation of \$31,000 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 project's proposed scope and an approved budget, to be determined in consultation with the Dean. Asper Fellowship teaching takes place in person, though some hybrid elements can be incorporated, in consultation with the Dean.

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, panel or other public occasion to the Faculty and University community, and will be engaged in a significant media-related project that will lead to public dissemination.

We anticipate that this position will appeal to journalism/communications/media practitioners or 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 who will use the Asper Fellowship opportunity to enrich teaching, scholarship and practice in journalism, communications, and documentary media 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 module 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: <https://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/full-time-application-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 June 30, 2024.

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, 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, Faculty Affairs Coordinator, at ldang4@uwo.ca or 519 661-2111 ext 86548.

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