

Call for 2021-2022 Graduate Fellows

The [Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society](#) supports and integrates world-class research across sectors and disciplines to deepen our understanding of AI, law, institutions, regulatory structures, and social values. We advance technology that is responsible, ethical, and beneficial to all. Our mission focuses on both ground-breaking research as well as implementable solutions. The Institute contains a diverse group of world-class researchers from computer science, social science, and the humanities who are developing shared frameworks and knowledge to foster collaborative projects. For more information on our Research Overview, the Four Conversations which inform this Overview, and our current research projects, [click here](#).

Fellowship Details

Our Graduate Fellows program provides \$7,500 in research project support for up to 15 remarkable scholars at the University of Toronto. Fellows will be primarily PhD candidates, but exceptional Master's candidates are eligible to apply. We encourage applications from those who are currently investigating issues at the intersection of technology and society, as well as those with an emerging interest in these areas. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received an SRI Graduate Fellowship.

Research support will be awarded as a stipend, provided that this stipend clearly contributes to the advancement of the candidate's research. Where stipends are not feasible, we can accommodate alternative payouts in the form of expense reimbursements. Funds may be used for research related expenses, including materials, data collection, computing, subject compensation and select travel, as appropriate in the current COVID-19 environment. Expenses are eligible from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022.

In addition to financial support, Graduate Fellows will have networking and professional development opportunities including co-developing a workshop with their cohort.

Terms for Schwartz Reisman Institute Graduate Fellows

- Attend a weekly meeting of the 2021-2022 SRI Graduate Fellows Cohort
- Under the guidance of the Cohort Leads, work with the Graduate Fellows Cohort to develop a workshop to be delivered in Spring 2022
- Attend weekly seminars and other SRI events, whenever possible
- Contribute to the growth and development of the interdisciplinary SRI research community by engaging with other Fellows, Research Leads, and Faculty Affiliates on a regular basis, both through formal events and independently
- With the support of the SRI communications staff, contribute at least one public facing product (e.g., blog post, video interview, etc.)
- Submit a final report to the SRI Director summarizing their research and experience as an SRI Graduate Fellow by August 31, 2022

How to Apply

1. Fill out an [online application form](#), which includes:
 - Uploading a copy of your CV
 - Uploading up to three examples of your writing and research (preferably publications)
 - Responses to the following questions:
 - Describe the area of research you are pursuing through your program. Outline how your work aligns with the research goals and priorities of the Schwartz Reisman Institute, highlighting specific areas of interest you would like to explore as part of the Institute. Figures may be referenced and attached at the end of your application. (approx. 1000 words)
 - What perspective would you bring to the Schwartz Reisman Institute's research community? Information on our research goals and our growing community is available on our website. (approx. 500 words)
 - Tell us about your interest in and how you would approach working with a multi-disciplinary research group. If applicable, how did a specific experience inform your interest in multi-disciplinary collaboration and thought? (approx. 300 words)
 - Tell us about your interest in or experience with leading or supporting the development of engaged communities (academic or non-academic) to achieve a shared goal. (approx. 250 words)
2. You must have a referee submit a **letter of reference** of up to 300 words describing your potential as a scholar. Your referee must send this letter directly to applications@torontosri.ca by the application deadline; you may not submit it on their behalf.

[Application forms](#) and reference letters must both be submitted by 11:59 pm EDT on June 25, 2021. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Graduate Fellows will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Quality of research proposal
- Alignment with the research goals and priorities of the Institute
- Potential as a scholar
- Ability to collaborate in a multidisciplinary team
- Diversity of perspective

The Schwartz Reisman Institute is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

For questions about the Fellows program, please review the FAQs found on our [announcement blog](#). If you have further questions or if you require accessibility accommodations to participate in the application process, please contact us at applications@torontosri.ca