Call for 2022–2023 Graduate Fellows

The [Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society (SRI)](#) supports and integrates world-class research across sectors and disciplines to deepen our understanding of advanced technologies, law, institutions, regulatory structures, and social values. Our multifaceted research program fosters interdisciplinary ideas, insights, and understanding of how technology affects society and individuals. The integrative research we conduct rethinks technology's role in society, the contemporary needs of human communities, and the systems that govern them. We are investigating how best to align technology with human values, and deploy it responsibly. In doing so we seek to support existing fields of inquiry as well as to identify and nurture new research agendas by introducing researchers to the concepts and framing used by different disciplines to analyze problems.

Our mission is to deepen our knowledge of advanced technologies, societies, and what it means to be human by actively integrating research across traditional boundaries and building human-centered solutions that really make a difference.

Fellowship details

Our Graduate Fellows program will provide **$7,500** in support for up to 15 remarkable scholars at the University of Toronto. Fellows will be primarily PhD candidates; however exceptional master's candidates are eligible to apply. We encourage applications from scholars investigating issues at the intersection of advanced technologies and society, as well as those with an emerging interest in these areas. Applicants who have not previously received an SRI Fellowship will be given priority.

Research support will be awarded as a stipend, provided that it 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. Expenses are eligible from **July 1, 2023** to **June 30, 2024**.

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 2023–2024 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 2024.
- Attend weekly seminars and other SRI events, whenever possible.
- Contribute to the growth and development of the multidisciplinary and 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 SRI's communications team, contribute at least one public-facing product (e.g., blog post, video interview).
- Submit a final report summarizing all fellowship activities by April 30, 2024.

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How to apply

To be considered, you must fill out the **online application form**, which includes the following:

- A copy of your **curriculum vitae** (PDF).
- A copy of your **transcript** (PDF).
- Up to three **examples of your writing and research** (publications preferred).
- **Responses to the following questions**:
    o Describe the area of research you are pursuing through your program (approx. 750 words).
        ▪ *Note: Supporting figures may be included as separate attachments at the end of the application.*
    o Describe how your research and the perspective you bring aligns with SRI's research goals and priorities, highlighting specific areas of interest you would like to explore as part of the Institute (approx. 500 words).
    o Describe your interest in, and how you would approach, working with a multi-disciplinary research community (approx. 500 words). If applicable, how did a specific experience inform your interests? Do you have any experience with leading interdisciplinary and/or multidisciplinary research activities? Why is this a good time in your graduate program to engage with SRI?
- A **letter of reference** from a referee describing your potential as a scholar (max. 300 words). Your referee must send this letter directly to sri.research@utoronto.ca before the application deadline; you may not submit it on the referee's behalf.

Application forms and reference letters must both be submitted by 11:59 PM EST on February 5th, 2023. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

SRI 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 engage with a multidisciplinary research community;
- 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, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

For questions about the SRI Fellowship program, please review the FAQs found on our **website**. If you have further questions or if you require accessibility accommodations to participate in the application process, please contact us at **sri.research@utoronto.ca**.