

## **HSS-Nexus Centre's 2025 Fall Fellowship Program**

### **Summary**

The primary aim of the Nexus Centre's *Fall Fellowship Program* (FFP) is to support a sustained conversation on the research of four faculty members in HSS. In general, the Nexus Centre aims to propel research culture in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science.<sup>1</sup>

The FFP is designed to support a cohort of two emerging and two established scholars in HSS in 2025 (May-December) to propel their research projects and/or program in conversation with each other, and alongside HSS graduate students, and other MUNL scholars. One possibility following these conversations and collaboration is to gather essays or work created by this cohort together into a shared publication with Memorial University Press (tbd by the fellows). Following a successful pilot program, a secondary goal is to seek external funds for the FFP program and the Nexus Centre going forward.

### **FFP Benefits**

- 1) One 40-hour GA-ship;
- 2) \$1,500 project support (PDTER-related expenses, between May-December 2025);
- 3) Extended research-related conversation and engagement with HSS colleagues;
- 4) The possibility of adding the award, engagement activities, supervision, and potential publication to their research profiles.

### **FFP Expectations**

From May–December 2025,<sup>2</sup> FFS are expected to:

- 1) Meet informally three times for one hour with each other to discuss their progress on a research idea/paper on a theme below (May/ September/ December; to be coordinated by the Nexus director). The third December event would be open to HSS faculty, who could participate in the conversation;
- 2) Participate in one Nexus activity in 2025 [HSS On our Worlds Roundtable or a Research Tips session];
- 3) Address one of their research questions in the shared theme in a lunchtime "HSS on Our Worlds" panel\* during MUNL's Research Week (November 2025);

### **Requirements**

**Application deadline:** May 1, 2025 (11:59pm)

Please send submissions to [nexus@mun.ca](mailto:nexus@mun.ca)

## **Application requirements**

- 1) One-page application:
  - A. 250-300 words: Describe the short-term research program for the fall semester and how it relates to one of the shared research themes; optional: describe a potential chapter focus for collective volume;
  - B. Indicate emerging or established status;
  - C. Rank (1-4) which of these topics best capture your research focus from [HSS' Research Themes](#) (2021):
    - 1) Languages, Media, and the Arts
      - i.e., Narratives; Identities and their Politics; Image and spectacle
    - 2) Social, Economic, and Political Ethics, Relationships and Structures
      - i.e., Climate change and capitalism; Democracies
    - 3) Space and Place
      - i.e., Location / dis-location; Imaginary environments
    - 4) Time, Tradition, and Change
      - Identities and their Politics; History of Ideas
- 2) CV (any length or format)

## **Timeline**

Thursday, May 1, 2025	Application Deadline
Early May	Adjudication
Mid-May	Scholars Announced; Hiring of GAs
May/June (closed) / September (closed) / December (open)	Scholars' meetings
September 2025 – June 2026	Participate in one Nexus activity
Late November	Scholars' lunchtime panel "HSS on Our Worlds" for research week
Post-semester	Potential joint publication with Memorial UP

## **Appendix 1 – Eligibility Criteria**

Candidates must be tenure-track or tenured ASMs within HSS. Post-doctoral fellows, contractual ASMs, honorary research professors, professors emeriti, adjunct professors, and persons on leave without pay from the university for academic reasons are also not eligible.

Also: Current holders of University Research Professorships, Canada Research Chairs, and other agency-funded Chairs and endowed chairs such as the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair, are ineligible to apply during the tenure of their current Chair. Former Chairs are eligible to apply to the FFP competition after at least 1 full year has passed since the end date of their Chair position.

Emerging scholars: Candidates must normally be within 6 academic years of commencing their first tenure-track academic appointment at Memorial (or another post-secondary institution). Career interruptions that occurred in the 6 years prior to application submission can be used to extend the window of eligibility.

## Appendix 2 – Researcher Scoring Criteria

Applications will be adjudicated by four members of the Nexus Centre’s advisory board.

**Early Career Researcher: Challenge (70%); Capability (30%)**

**Established Researcher: Challenge (60%); Capability (40%)**

**Challenge—Merit of the Proposal and the aim and importance of the program:**

- Originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge and extent to which the proposal suggests and explores novel or potentially transformative concepts and lines of inquiry;
- Clarity and appropriateness of the theoretical approach or framework and of the methods/activities;
- Consideration of sex, gender and diversity (EDI-AR) in research design and practices, where applicable to the field of research and program;
- Feasibility of the proposed program timeline and proposed use of resources.

**Capability—The expertise to succeed:**

- Knowledge, expertise and relevant experience to proposed program;
- Quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published and/or creative outputs of the applicant;
- Evidence of past knowledge mobilization activities and of impacts on professional practice, social services and policies, etc.; and
- Quality and quantity of past contributions to the development, training and mentoring of students, postdoctoral researchers and other highly qualified personnel.

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<sup>1</sup> The program directly responds to the [Mission, Vision and Values of HSS](#) and Memorial’s [Strategic Plan 2021-2026](#).

<sup>2</sup> Due to the primary funding source of this program (MUNL’s Scholarship in the Arts fund), this timeline cannot be adjusted or extended.