

GC Digital Fellows Call for 2021-2022 Applications Deadline: April 6, 2021



Are you looking for a fellowship that will challenge you to enhance your existing technical skills? Do you enjoy working collaboratively with an interdisciplinary team? Do you like working with students, faculty, and staff to help them learn new digital tools and methods? If learning new open source technologies and helping others to integrate them thoughtfully and productively into their research sounds exciting to you, consider applying to become a GC Digital Fellow.

GC Digital Initiatives is searching for new doctoral students to join our dynamic team. Together, GC Digital Fellows lead week-long digital research institutes, teach workshops on technical skills, create resources for GC students and faculty, and build digital projects that make use of the affordances of emerging technology while considering the ethical, social, and political stakes. In fact, the GC Digital Fellows have been recognized for their approach to teaching digital research skills by receiving a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) award to create curricula and lead professional development workshops in digital humanities.

Typically, based in the GC Digital Scholarship Lab, the <u>GC Digital Fellows Program</u> operates as an in-house think-and-do tank for digital projects, connecting Fellows to <u>digital initiatives</u> throughout <u>The Graduate Center</u>. GC Digital Fellows utilize a team-based approach as they explore creative solutions for projects and implement them collaboratively. In the process, the GC Digital Fellows Program helps build out "The Digital GC" — a vision of the Graduate Center that incorporates technology into its core research and teaching missions. GC Digital Fellows are particularly invested in the way in which questions of race, gender, and social justice intersect with technology.

Our work includes:

- Exploring new ways for Graduate Center faculty, students, and staff to share their academic work through emergent technological tools and social media tools;
- Contributing to and helping to implement a strategic vision for public digital scholarship at the GC:
- Consulting with GC faculty and students on <u>digital scholarly projects</u>;
- Offering <u>skill-building workshops</u> to GC students, faculty, and staff;
- Leading a <u>week-long digital research institute;</u>
- Facilitating <u>user and working groups</u> around shared research interests;
- Fostering community around digital projects at the GC and CUNY;
- Experimenting with computational and networked forms of scholarly communication;
- Supporting innovative courses that introduce emerging digital methods;
- Encouraging the exploration of digital scholarship, methods, and tools through virtual consultations and office hours.

GC Digital Fellows who join our team this year will play an instrumental role in opening the <u>CUNY</u> <u>Center for Digital Scholarship and Data Visualization</u> (currently under construction).

Graduate Center doctoral students at any level are eligible to apply, and we encourage applications from women and gender minorities and BIOPC. We hope to add strength to our program in graphic

and web design, Python, and mapping; however, this is not an exhaustive list. We encourage those with other skills and interests to also apply.

To get a better sense of our work, you can read the GC Digital Fellows' blog, <u>Tagging the Tower</u>, and our semesterly blog post <u>"What is GCDI?"</u>

Compensation

Total compensation for the award is a minimum of \$28,128. Funding will include a graduate assistant appointment, which carries eligibility to purchase the low-cost NYSHIP health insurance, a stipend, and in-state tuition remission for fellows who are within their first 14 registered semesters of study. Digital Fellows will be required to work a total of 450 non-teaching hours during the academic year (two 15-week semesters).

The initial DF appointment is for one year (exact dates vary and will be specified upon appointment). Determinations of DF re-appointments will be made on an annual basis up to three years, depending on individual eligibility and GC needs.

Application Instructions

To apply, <u>please complete our online application form</u>, which includes uploading a letter of interest (no more than 1-2 pages), a CV, a list of digital projects undertaken and/or completed, and the name and contact information for a faculty reference. (NOTE: Faculty reference letters are not requested at this point of the application process.)

Applications must be received by 11:59 PM EST on APRIL 6, 2021 to be considered.

CFP Posted on our website: https://forms.gle/88jAHMj1Rt6B5S7h7

Questions

Please contact Lisa Rhody, Deputy Director, Digital Initiatives (Irhody@gc.cuny.edu) with any questions you might have.