

UPDATED: to include MA and PhD students; New deadline July 16th, 2021

*The Institute for the Study of Canadian Slavery proudly announces
Two Graduate Student Fellowships (MA or PhD): Academic Year 2021-2022*

The Institute for the Study of Canadian Slavery gratefully acknowledges the generous donations from alumni, faculty, and community members that made these fellowships possible.

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NB: The first cohort of Institute fellows in 2021-2022 will be virtual.

About NSCAD

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About The Institute

Founded in 2020, The Institute for the Study of Canadian Slavery (The Institute) encourages, facilitates, supports, promotes, and disseminates research on Canadian Slavery and comparative research between the regions which became Canada and other nations or colonies. This research will take the forms of scholarly publications and lectures, fiction writing, film and media production, digital humanities and information technologies, and art and visual culture.

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Mandate Areas

The Institute prioritizes four core areas of research: 1) Canadian Slavery, (2) the Comparative study of slavery in Canada and other Northern or Temperate Climate Regions, (3) the study of the interconnectedness of Canadian and Caribbean Slavery, and (4) Black-Indigenous Relations in Canadian Slavery.

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Purpose

These fellowships are designed to support two graduate students who are enrolled in a **Master or PhD program** with a thesis or dissertation component. The Institute provides funding, peer-support, office space, library access, and collaboration opportunities for the fellows.

Eligibility

These fellowships are open to graduate **Masters and PhD students**, studying in any discipline or field, enrolled in a program with a significant written thesis or dissertation component. Students must be finished their course work and comprehensive exams (if applicable) and must use the fellowships to actively engage in the production of a written thesis. There are no disciplinary restrictions. Applicants must demonstrate that their entire thesis or a significant part thereof focuses on at least one of the Institute mandate areas. Furthermore, the research must adopt an anti-colonial, de-colonial, post-colonial and/or anti-racist methodology/approach which challenges the nature of European and Euro-American imperialism and colonialism, and interrogates the racist logic of the institution of Transatlantic Slavery. There are no nationality restrictions.

Duration

Each fellowship will last one academic semester in the 2021-2022 academic year from either: 1) September 1st to December 17th, 2021 or (2) January 3rd, to April 29th, 2022.

Stipend and Benefits

Each fellowship is worth \$10,000.00 Canadian Dollars. This funding supports living expenses, materials, and research costs. Every fellow will have access to NSCAD's library, computer programs and online platforms for the duration of their fellowship.

Community & Facilities

Since the physical space of the institute is currently being constructed and due to the health issues created by the pandemic, this initial cohort of fellows will be virtual.

Responsibilities and Obligations

Accepting a fellowship obligates the fellow to participate actively in the life of the Institute. This means attending and contributing to Institute and relevant NSCAD activities, events, conferences, workshops, and outreach, participating in meetings, contributing to a culture of conversation, support, and sharing of ideas, resources, and knowledge, mentoring and supporting NSCAD students, and presenting at least one public paper or workshop on their project while in residence. Fellows must also provide suitable biographical information in a timely manner for the Institute webpages and other promotional materials. In doing so, they agree to having their likeness, biography, and outcomes promoted by the Institute during and after their fellowship. Fellows must credit the Institute for the Study of Canadian Slavery in all outcomes derived from their fellowship.

Deadline, Submission & Notification

All applications materials must be received via e-mail by July 16th, 2021 at:

theinstitute@nscad.ca

Applicants will be advised of the competition results by August 6th, 2021.

Application Format & Content

NB: all written components of the application must be: font 12, Times New Roman, and double-spaced

- 1) **CV (maximum 3 pages):** education; related work experience; awards, funding, and grants; curation; publications; and relevant community contributions and engagement
- 2) **Project Statement (Maximum 5 pages):** The project statement must be written in full sentence form and include the following areas: i) Page 1: Project Summary (avoid jargon and write for a non-specialist audience), (ii) Pages 2-5: Objectives; Context; Importance and Originality; Literature Review; Theoretical and Methodological Approach; Archival or Primary Sources; Impact and Outcomes; Timeline (point form); indicate desired semester for fellowship: a) September 1st to December 17th, 2021 or (b) January 3rd, to April 29th, 2022.

Selection Criteria

- 1) Proposed Project's Connection to the Study of Canadian Slavery in an Institute Mandate Area
- 2) Significance and Originality of Proposal
- 3) Potential impact and contribution to knowledge production, academic disciplines/fields, social justice, and broader communities
- 4) Feasibility of completion of all or a significant portion of the proposal within the fellowship period
- 5) Accomplishments, Contributions, Education (formal and informal), Completed Research Outcomes, and Experience of Applicant

Final Report

All fellows must submit a written report (2 to 5 pages) within 1 month of the end of their fellowship detailing their accomplishments, contributions, experiences, outcomes, and work during the period of residency.

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