

Call for 2023–2024 Schwartz Reisman Institute Scholar-in-Residence

The [Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society \(SRI\)](#) at the University of Toronto 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.

SRI's 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.

Schwartz Reisman Institute Scholar-in-Residence program details

Our Scholar-in-Residence program offers one faculty position, with office space and lunch allowance at the University of Toronto's Massey College plus a **\$10,000** annual stipend to support research and travel (pro-rated for shorter engagements of three, six, or nine months).

Faculty may be at any stage of their career and will be evaluated with career stage as a consideration. Eligible scholars may be from any Canadian university whose research has a global focus. Recipients will be required to provide a letter from their home institution confirming that they hold an academic position, that they will return to that position when their visit ends, and the dates they will participate in the SRI Scholar-in-Residence program.

Terms for Schwartz Reisman Institute Scholar-in-Residence

- Participate in and contribute to the growth and development of the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary SRI research community (e.g., weekly seminars, key meetings, and other events) that foster our commitment to reconceptualizing common notions of the ways technology, systems and society interact, and supporting diverse areas of inquiry.
- Present research at the Institute's SRI Seminar Series.
- With the support of SRI's administrative team, contribute at least one public-facing product or event (e.g., blog post, video interview, workshop).
- Submit a final report summarizing all research activities at the end of the residency.

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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);
- Up to three **examples of your writing and research** (publications preferred);
- **Responses to the following questions:**
 - Describe your proposed project (approx. 1500 words). This should include:
 - A description of the work to be undertaken;
 - The potential scholarly and economic/social impact of your research;
 - *Note: Supporting figures may be included as separate attachments at the end of the application.*
 - Describe how your proposed project and the perspective you bring to our community aligns with SRI's research goals and priorities (approx. 500 words).
 - Why is SRI the right place for you to do this work? (approx. 500 words). Please share thoughts on:
 - What aspects of the Institute do you feel will stimulate your research (consider the diversity of backgrounds and experiences/training of the community); and
 - What value you will bring to the Institute (skills, connections, insights).
 - We ask the scholar-in-residence to contribute at least one public-facing product or event (e.g., blog post, video interview, workshop). Understanding that this may change, what do you propose to do?

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. The application form will be closed when the positions have been filled. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

SRI Scholar-in-Residence applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Potential scholarly and social/economic impact of project;
- Alignment with the research goals and priorities of the Institute;
- Diversity of perspective;
- Ability to engage with a multidisciplinary research community;
- Track record of research impact (as appropriate for career stage).

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 Scholar-in-Residence program, or if you require accessibility accommodations to participate in the application process, please contact us at sri.research@utoronto.ca.