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The Innovation Center of Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (MOME) invites early to mid-career researchers to apply to its first Research Fellowship program. The program will provide scholars from diverse fields an opportunity to approach their research from a design-driven perspective in collaboration with the University's research community.

MOME INNOVATION CENTER

MOME Innovation Center aims to explore how art and design competences can be utilized not only within the creative industries but also for addressing global issues in industrial, social, and environmental contexts. Through interdisciplinary design-based research and collaboration with scientists, engineers, and other professionals, the Innovation Center community generates new methodological knowledge and works on applied solutions for practical problems.

PROGRAM SETUP

Research fellowship is planned to last between 12-24 months, during which fellows will receive financial and operational support to conduct their research. The research should be interdisciplinary in its nature and should capitalize on the design expertise and practical knowledge available in the University's community.

Additionally, during the program fellows will be expected to primarily reside in Budapest and contribute to the intellectual life of the University.

FOCUS AREAS

Within this open call, we invite applications from researchers working in areas related to Data storytelling. We especially encourage applications in the following two fields:

Data and participation

The University has a strong tradition in social design - a creative practice dedicated to understanding social problems and supporting positive social change through design methodologies. MOME Innovation Center invites scholars working with data and interested in the aspects of participation, co-design, community empowerment, social impact, to apply to our fellowship program to form interdisciplinary collaborations. We encourage applications that aim to develop or analyze datasets for social or environmental impact, potentially explore new ways of citizen participation and can contribute to an overall improved decision-making.

Data literacy

As many parts of our lives are increasingly turned into data, it is important to explore the arising possibilities and challenges of data comprehension among various groups. We invite scholars from social, natural sciences and engineering, to collaborate with

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the University's designers and data visualization experts to advance research in data-centric information design. We are open for exploratory research proposals as well as projects looking into specific tool development for minimizing the potential negative effects of the increasing complexity of data systems.

Researchers with proposals that do not directly fall under the proposed topics but still offer an interdisciplinary approach are also encouraged to apply.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

Throughout their research, fellows will be expected to complete at least one research paper for presentation at (international) conferences and for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

In addition to academic outputs, the projects are also expected to contribute towards solving global social, environmental, or economic challenges. Thus, throughout the program research fellows will be encouraged to look for practical solutions to the identified problems.

WHAT WE OFFER

- The University will cover one-way airfare to Budapest and offer relocation assistance, if necessary;
- Fellows will have access to University's campus office spaces, workshops, and tech equipment;
- Fellows will have the possibility to collaborate with 1-2 local researchers during the research project, i.e., to build their interdisciplinary research team;
- Fellows will receive a monthly allowance between 800.000 – 1.200.000 HUF gross, depending on fellow's prior qualifications;
- Fellows will be able to qualify for material or equipment costs coverage up to 10.000.000 HUF, depending on their project specifics.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants submitting a proposal must:

- Hold a PhD or equivalent degree in any field of science at the time of their application;
- Demonstrate a successful academic publication record;
- Be interested to work closely with designers in interdisciplinary teams;
- Relocate to and be primarily based in Budapest for the duration of the program and participate in the intellectual life of the University.

SUBMISSION

To apply, please send the following documents in PDF format:

- Detailed curriculum vitae, including your publication record;
- Outline of research project (max. 1500 words) that you propose to carry out at MOME Innovation Center, specifying the objectives of the work, and the approximate time needed to complete the research and prepare submissions;

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- Cover letter, explaining why you would like to join MOME, how you would engage the local community in your research activities, and overall contribute to the intellectual life of the University;
- Proof of PhD or equivalent degree.

Please note that an applicant can submit only one research outline; therefore, it is not possible to apply with multiple ideas.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Applications for the research fellowship program should be submitted by **4th September 2022 23:59 CET** to opencall2022@mome.hu.

TIMELINE

Date	Activity
18 July – 4 September 2022	Submission period
4 September 2022	Application deadline
End of September 2022	Personal interview (online)
Early October 2022	Technical interview (online)
Mid-October 2022	Notification of accepted fellows
1 January 2023	Planned fellowship start date

In case of any questions, please contact us at opencall2022@mome.hu.