

Research Fellowship Program

CALL FOR SOCIAL DESIGN RESEARCH FELLOW



The Innovation Center of Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (MOME) continues its Research fellowship program by announcing an open call for a research project focusing on the intersection of ecology and social issues in design. The team is looking for an ambitious early- to mid-career researcher who is passionate about interdisciplinary R&D combining ecological and social design related topics and is currently looking for an academic fellowship opportunity.

MOME

Since its establishment 142 years ago, Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (MOME), the leading educational institution in its field in Hungary, has evolved its pedagogical program and research activities to align with international standards of excellence. The mission of MOME is to provide answers to the pressing challenges of the 21st century with design-based learning, research, and applied mastery. The University is committed to serving its communities, spreading design consciousness, and contributing to the sophistication of the local and regional economic and cultural ecosystems.

MOME INNOVATION CENTER

MOME Innovation Center is the research pillar of the University that conducts impactful, design-focused R&D projects. The Innovation Center primarily focuses on exploring how art and design competences can be applied outside the creative industries, namely in social and business contexts. The Center's team consists of more than 30 researchers, designers and business professionals working across such areas as social design, data storytelling, interaction design and material research.

Social Design Hub

The Social Design Hub conducts practice-based research and seeks solutions through participatory processes to foster sustainable lifestyles, mitigate social inequalities, and promote resilience for all. The Hub also aims to serve as a knowledge center and supports related activities within and beyond the university. The Hub launched several social design research and experimental projects in the past decade to find answers to some of the most pressing issues of our times.

The Hub's focus areas are currently:

- Resilient communities
- Gender Equity
- Urban Co-habitation



Program Setup

The research fellowship is planned to last between 18-24 months, during which fellows will receive financial and operational support to conduct their research.

The research should be interdisciplinary with a strong emphasis on the candidate's previous expertise: the fellow is expected to have knowledge in social design, social innovation as well as ecological sustainability. The researcher is expected to iterate on the project outline in the first phase of the fellowship, in close collaboration with the team of Social Design Hub. The research output should capitalize on the design expertise and practical knowledge available in the University's community. During the program length, the fellow will be expected to primarily reside in Budapest and in addition to own project development, actively contribute to the intellectual life of the University through support of ongoing research or educational activities.

Focus Areas

Within this open call, we invite applications from researchers working in areas related to Ecology and Social Design, and are primarily looking for project proposals in one of these fields:

- Equity: How can we promote well-being for vulnerable individuals and other species while addressing the complex challenges of culture and the economy?
- Democratic innovation and just climate transitions: How can participatory and intersectional approaches support communities in just climate transitions?

We are also open to research proposals in other topics of strategic interest of the Hub, including proposals related to the support of resilient communities, gender equity and/or possibilities of design in the development of urban co-habitation.

Expected outputs

Throughout their research, the fellow will be expected to complete at least two research papers for presentation at (international) conferences and/or for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Other additional outputs proposals are also welcome.



What we offer

- one-way airfare to Budapest and relocation assistance;
- access to the University's campus office spaces, workshops, and tech equipment;
- possibility to collaborate with MOME Innovation Center researchers during the project;
- monthly salary between 800.000 – 1.000.000 HUF gross, depending on prior qualifications;
- possible material or equipment costs coverage, depending on their project specifics (to be discussed).

Upon productive collaboration between the fellow and MOME Innovation Center, there may be an opportunity to renew and extend the contract after the end of the fellowship program.

Eligibility

Applicants submitting a proposal must:

- Have a PhD degree or be at the last phase of the PhD process in social design, eco design, transition design, social innovation, sustainability, sociology, anthropology, psychology or related fields;
- Demonstrate a successful academic publication record;
- Have previous experience in social design, eco-design or related fields-based practice research (if applicable, please send a portfolio emphasizing your skills);
- Be interested to work closely with researchers and 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.;



Application & Timeline

To apply, please upload the below-listed documents in PDF format [here](#).

- Detailed curriculum vitae, including your publication record and/or portfolio (if applicable, mentioning your contribution to the projects);
- Outline of a research project (max. 1500 words) that you propose to carry out at Social Design Hub, specifying the objectives of the work, and the approximate time needed to complete all activities;
- Cover letter, explaining why you would like to join the Social Design Hub, how you would engage the local community in your research activities, and overall contribute to the intellectual life of the University;
- Proof of highest level of educational degree attained, e.g., Doctorate degree diploma, or Master Diploma and proof of being at the last phase of the PhD process

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

Based on the assessment of the applications, shortlisted candidates will be invited for a personal or online interview.

Submission deadline:

Applications for the research fellowship program should be submitted by 17 September 2023 11:59 PM CET to [this form](#).

Timeline:



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