Media Studies: Critical Platform and/or Critical Data Studies (12009)

The Department of Arts, Culture and Media at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) invites applications for a full-time tenure stream position as Assistant Professor in Media Studies: Critical Platform and/or Critical Data Studies. The appointment will have an expected start date of July 1, 2022 or shortly thereafter.

Applicants will make contributions to the Media, Journalism, and Digital Cultures (MJDC) Major Program at the Arts, Culture and Media Department at UTSC. A popular and growing program with more than 700 undergraduate majors and minors, MJDC is based in an interdisciplinary department that supports exciting research initiatives and collaborations, including the Critical Digital Methods Institute, the Digital Scholarship Unit, the Critical Digital Humanities Initiative and more.

Research and teaching must focus on humanities and/or interdisciplinary approaches to one or more of the following areas: platform governance, platform economics, digital infrastructures, algorithmic bias and algorithmic fairness, and decolonizing digital methods and practices. We especially welcome scholars whose areas of expertise may include critical race theory, Black Studies, Indigenous studies, trans studies, critical disability studies, critical data studies, intersectional approaches to feminist media studies, and media studies in the Global South.

Applicants must have earned a PhD degree in Media Studies, Communication, Science and Technology Studies, Journalism, or a related discipline by the time of appointment or shortly thereafter. The successful candidate must have a demonstrated record of excellence in research and teaching, and must demonstrate the ability to publish, to attract research funding, and to work with students from diverse backgrounds at undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition to being a full member of the UTSC Department of Arts, Culture and Media, the successful candidate will hold a graduate appointment at the Faculty of Information (iSchool) at the University of Toronto St. George Campus.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence as demonstrated by a record of publications (or forthcoming publications) in field-relevant, top-ranked journals meeting high international standards; the submitted research statements; conference presentations; awards and honours; and strong endorsements from referees of high standing. The successful candidate will be expected to undertake innovative and independent research and/or creative professional activity at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded program of research.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be provided through teaching accomplishment, and the teaching dossier (with required materials outlined below) including a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations or other evidence of superior performance in teaching-related

activities submitted as part of the application, as well as strong endorsements by referees. Other teaching-related activities can include performance as a teaching assistant or course instructor, experience leading successful workshops or seminars, student mentorship, or excellent conference presentations. Candidates must also show evidence of a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment as demonstrated through the application materials.

The University of Toronto offers the opportunity to conduct research, teach, and live in one of the most diverse cities of the world. The appointment is at the University of Toronto Scarborough, which is a research-intensive institution with an interdisciplinary commitment and a diverse study body. The Department of Arts, Culture and Media at UTSC is a unique multi-disciplinary research and teaching environment, with programs in Art History and Visual Culture; Arts Management; Journalism (Joint Program); Media, Journalism and Digital Cultures; New Media Studies (Joint Program); Music and Culture; Studio; and Theatre and Performance: see http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/acm/. Candidates must also demonstrate the ability to work within our interdisciplinary arts department where horizontal connections among faculty of different fields are encouraged: see http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/acm/acm-research-themes. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and enhance our existing departmental strengths. The successful candidate will be expected to articulate and implement a vision for developing new research initiatives and relationships within this diverse context.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply by clicking on the link below. Applicants must submit:
1) a cover letter (2-3 pages)
2) curriculum vita
3) a research statement outlining current and future research interests (1 page maximum)
4) 1 writing sample
5) a teaching dossier that includes:
• a teaching statement (1 page)
• 1 course syllabus
• student evaluations
• evidence of innovation in other teaching activities
6) a statement that explains ongoing contributions to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, whether through research, teaching, professional practice, and community engagement (1 page). For more context about the University of Toronto's commitment to diversity, see http://www.president.utoronto.ca/presidents-statement-on-diversity-and-inclusion. Note as well the Department of Arts, Culture and Media's own Equity and Diversity in the Arts Initiative: https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/acm/equity-and-diversity-arts.
7) name and contact information of three references. The University of Toronto's recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each once an application is submitted (this happens overnight). Applicants, however, remain responsible for ensuring that references submit letters (on letterhead, dated and signed) by the closing date.

Submission guidelines can be found at http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. Please combine attached documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. All applications must be submitted online. If you have questions about this position, please email acm-ca@utsc.utoronto.ca.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by December 1, 2021.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Diversity Statement
The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP.

Accessibility Statement
The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.