Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies

Call for Applications

Complex Systems: Wall Scholar Thematic Cohort 2021-2022

Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2020

Applications are invited from accomplished scholars and thinkers from UBC and other academic institutions world-wide to the 2021-22 Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies Wall Scholar Program. Successful scholars will spend a year in residence at the Institute focusing on the theme of Complex Systems. The 2021-2022 Wall Scholar cohort will explore novel ways to integrate and enrich our knowledge of dynamic systems and how we can bring about positive change within them. Understanding complex systems with their dynamics and key properties presents unique challenges and opportunities for improving society and our ways of being. The program brings together scholars who seek to take time away from their regular activities to explore new ways of thinking and build new connections with scholars outside of their field. We encourage applications from all disciplines, including but not limited to Medicine, Science and Engineering, and the Performing Arts. Due to expected COVID-19 international travel restrictions for 2021-22, we particularly encourage applications from scholars across Canada who would be willing to relocate to Vancouver for the year in residence.

Wall Scholars will be in residence for the period August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

Eligibility

Applicants must be affiliated with an academic institution and must be able to commit spending a significant part of their time as resident scholars at the Institute.

Selection Criteria

Individual Scholar Criteria

• Interest and/or experience with interdisciplinary research.
• Quality, innovation and interdisciplinarity of Wall Scholar activities proposal.
• Demonstrated leadership and expertise in scholar’s research area.
• The selection process also considers how the applicant’s profile and proposal fit with the other research activities and fellows at PWIAS.

Cohort Composition Criteria

• A diversity of experience, knowledge and methodology.
• A wide range of disciplines across the Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Performing Arts.
• Different career stages including, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors.
• Potential for synergies and interactions between applicants.
• Ability of cohort to interact constructively through conversation and intellectually challenge each other.
Budget

The Institute provides office space and funds that can be used to enable scholars to dedicate their time to Institute activities while in residence at the Peter Wall Institute. The award funds can be used for teaching and administrative release from the scholar’s home institution, relocation expenses, or for other purposes as approved by the Peter Wall Institute. Please submit a proposal for how Wall Scholar funds would be used if your application is successful as part of your application.

Equity Diversity

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence, and the Institute is committed to promoting these values in its programs. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

Application Process

Interested applicants should submit a written application and a short CV summary (5-page maximum) describing your academic expertise and contributions to scholarship. Applicants should also submit a sample of their work (e.g. written or artistic work) that illustrates well their thinking and scholarly approach.

Applicants should plan on being available for an in-person (strongly preferred) or video conference interview between November 23 and November 26.

Contact

For more information, please contact the Program Manager: NationalPrograms (at) pwias.ubc.ca.