

**GLOBAL ARTS + HUMANITIES DISCOVERY THEME**

# **IMAGINED FUTURES COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

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**DEADLINE: October 10, 2022**

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## **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

The **Imagined Futures: Graduate Professional Development Initiative** seeks faculty and staff participants for a community of practice (CoP) to achieve collective impact in graduate professional development and diversifying career pathways. This group will follow a Community of Practice model that relies on shared domains of expertise and practice to integrate skills into graduate curricula and develop capacity for flexible graduate advising that focuses on each student's interests and ambitions.

For several years, GAHDT has built capacity for engaged scholarship, cross-disciplinary collaboration and experiential learning — preparing graduate students to address critical societal challenges. Scholarship of this kind equips students to serve communities and employers in careers within and outside the academy.

Imagined Futures leverages the integrated arts and humanities to empower graduate students and their mentors to imagine and pursue diverse career paths. The integrated arts and humanities provide indispensable methods and practices for understanding our place in the world. These cross-disciplinary methods and practices build skills like creative and critical thinking; the ability to analyze complex data and use evidence-based practices; and enhanced communication and collaboration. Crucially, the arts and humanities cultivate ethical judgment and reasoning, encouraging thoughtful and empathetic leadership.

Imagined Futures will be the conduit: translating the skills cultivated in our graduate programs to the world of work.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Members of the Imagined Futures Community of Practice must be faculty or staff members at Ohio State who have demonstrated interest in graduate students' professional development; whose research serves the needs of communities outside our campus; and/or whose profile includes outreach and engagement work. Imagined Futures seeks applicants whose skill sets are grounded in artistic, humanistic and/or collaborative inquiry. Preference will be given to individuals with experience in graduate mentoring, curriculum development and/or institutional change initiatives.

## **TERMS OF APPOINTMENT**

Members of the Imagined Futures Community of Practice are required to attend a series of two-hour meetings during the 2022-23 academic year: two meetings in the autumn semester and three meetings in the spring semester. In these meetings, CoP members will develop an understanding of students' professional development needs as well as mentoring strategies that support career diversity. They will then conceive and develop their own projects. Working individually or in groups, CoP members will complete a project that integrates professional development into graduate curricula or improves mentoring of students interested in diverse careers. Project groups may hold additional meetings to further their work.

Projects should be applicable or translatable across disciplines; they may include, for example, a new instructional module that develops practical or transferable skills (suitable for embedding within a course); a proposal for a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization or graduate minor; or development of a training resource for mentors of graduate students and postdoctoral/post-MFA researchers. CoP projects are to be delivered by August 15, 2023.

Imagined Futures Community of Practice members will be compensated \$5,000 in research funds or a cash supplement. \$2,500 will be distributed at the time of appointment and a further \$2,500 will be released upon delivery of the project.

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## HOW TO APPLY

### Submit the following materials online:

1. Letter of interest (up to two pages) summarizing the applicant's experience in graduate advising and engagement with graduate student career development and/or community-engaged scholarship or service; reasons for interest in joining the Imagined Futures Community of Practice; and what they might contribute to the initiative's collective impact.
2. A short curriculum vitae (2 pages) including research and graduate teaching.

### TIMELINE

+ Position call issued	August 25, 2022
+ Application deadline	October 10, 2022
+ Community of Practice members announced	October 17, 2022

### CONTACT

Applicants may email questions to GAHDT Program Manager, Puja Batra-Wells ([batra-wells.1@osu.edu](mailto:batra-wells.1@osu.edu)).



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