



Sessional Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream in Cinema & Media Studies
Department of Cinema & Media Arts, School of the Arts, Media Performance & Design

The Department of Cinema & Media Arts in the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design at York University invites highly qualified applicants for a Sessional Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream position in Cinema & Media Studies. This is a Contractually Limited Appointment (CLA) to the teaching stream for a one-year term to commence July 1, 2025.

The [Department of Cinema & Media Arts](#) seeks a candidate who can teach a range of undergraduate and graduate courses in histories and theories of film and media from a global perspective, including CMA1400, a large enrollment introductory course. The Department is particularly interested in applications from individuals with expertise in areas such as: History and theories of mid-twentieth century cinema and media; approaches to film criticism, including videographic criticism; documentary; contemporary world cinema; Asian cinemas; and/or contemporary media platforms, including games and social media. Candidates should demonstrate capacity to apply principles of decolonizing, equity, diversity, and inclusion (DEDI) in their pedagogy. CLAs are expected to contribute to service through membership on some committees.

The [Department of Cinema & Media Arts](#) is housed in the vibrant [School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design](#), Canada's most comprehensive art, culture and design school. York is a leading international teaching and research university, and a driving force for positive change. Empowered by a welcoming and diverse community with a uniquely global perspective, we are preparing out students for their long-term careers and personal success. Together, we can make things right for our communities, our planet, and our future.

Candidate Qualifications:

- **Degree:** PhD or PhD near completion by the start of appointment, in Cinema and Media Studies or related field is required.
- **Teaching:**
 - A record or evident promise of excellence in teaching and dedication to students (e.g., teaching accomplishments, student and peer evaluations).
 - Suitability for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, given that the position may involve graduate teaching.
 - Demonstrate capacity to apply principles of decolonizing, equity, diversity, and inclusion (DEDI) in their pedagogy.
 - Provide creative educational leadership in enhancing and learning through curricular and pedagogical innovation.
- **Additional:**
 - An evident promise of making valuable contributions through committee service.

Hiring Policies:

- Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

- York is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, in its community. Details of the AA Program, which applies to women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and those who identify as 2SLGBTQ+, can be found [here](#) or by contacting Christal Chapman, EDI Program Manager (chapman7@yorku.ca).
- York welcomes and employs scholars from all over the world. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.
- York has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Applicants who require accommodation are invited to contact Sharon Hayashi, Chair, Department of Cinema and Media Arts at fmsearch@yorku.ca.

Application Process:

- Due date for completed applications: **March 19, 2025**
- Required materials: 1) current CV; 2) cover letter; 3) teaching dossier with statement of teaching philosophy and interests including how commitments to equity, diversity, and decolonization inform classroom teaching; 4) teaching evaluations if available; 5) names and positions of three references with contact details. Reference letters will only be requested for short-listed candidates.
- Provide required information regarding your Canadian work status and optional self-identification for Affirmative Action purposes at this link [YUWorkAA](#).
- Direct questions about the position to Sharon Hayashi, Chair, Department of Cinema & Media Arts at fmsearch@yorku.ca.
- **Submit materials: email to fmsearch@yorku.ca**

Learn More About York:

- York University generates and shares knowledge through our research, teaching and engagement with communities around the world. The [2023-2028 Strategic Research Plan](#) showcases the depth, breadth and ambition of research at York.
- York's commitments to social justice are laid out in our [Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#), the [Framework & Action Plan on Black Inclusion](#) and the [Indigenous Framework for York University](#).
- Follow the activities and accomplishments of York's faculty, students and staff on [YFile](#).

York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.