

Director – Centre for the Study of Theory & Criticism

Nominations and applications are invited for the position of Director of the Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism at Western University. One of the oldest and most established programs of its kind in North America, The Centre houses a graduate program offering Master's and Doctoral degrees in Theory and Criticism, including such areas of inquiry as Post-Structuralist Theory, Deconstruction, Social and Political Thought, Continental Philosophy, Psychoanalysis, Visual Culture, Media Studies, Gender Studies, and Queer Theory, Marxist Theory, Post-Humanist Theory, 18th & 19th Century Philosophy, and the History of Thought. The Centre's work addresses questions raised by these movements, hosting a dialogue among theory, its histories, disciplines and developments. We seek a director committed to the Centre's mission and to the ever evolving project of theory and criticism.

Nominees and applicants must be core faculty members of the Centre and have an appointment as a Tenured or Continuing Status full-time faculty Member in one of the participating Faculties (Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Information and Media Studies, Music and Education). The Director appointment will be effective July 1, 2026 for a three-year term, renewable. The Director leads the teaching and research mission of the Centre, with responsibility for organizing courses, speakers, conferences, and public engagement.

Nominations and applications should be sent to:

Chair of the Selection Committee for the Director of the Centre for the Study of Theory & Criticism

Ileana Paul, Acting Dean

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Faculty of Arts and Humanities

The committee will commence its review of nominations and applications after January 5, 2025 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include a CV and letter of interest outlining the applicant's vision for the future both of the Centre for the Theory and Criticism and for the Graduate Programme in Theory and Criticism.

Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Joanne Gribbon (jgribbo2@uwo.ca)

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