

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Advisory Board

The advisory board helps identify priorities and shape the Center research agenda. The Center Advisory Board is composed of approximately 10 representatives, including: faculty members from peer academic institutions, professional organizations and companies, non-profit organizations, and governmental institutions. There will be one Chair of the Advisory Board who will serve as a liaison between the board and the Center Director. Advisory board members will be invited to join for a two-year, renewable membership, with a commitment to meet once every semester to review strategic goals and support communication and engagement activities. The meetings aim to 1) get feedback on the Center's research strategy and agenda, as well as 2) create opportunities for networking and presentations, with the active participation of the board members.

Faculty

Core and affiliated faculty members will have the opportunity to be part of an active community of scholars across Northeastern University and partner Centers. In addition, they will be able to help shape the Center's research directions and priorities, connecting with research-related offices and initiatives within NU and partner Centers at other universities.

Core

Core faculty can be both tenure-track and non-tenure-track within Northeastern University. The criteria for extending the invitation to core faculty is evidence of active and productive interdisciplinary research conducted in fields associated with the Center's strategic research areas as outlined in the Center's homepage.

Candidates for core faculty can be nominated by the directors, current core faculty members or self-nominated at any time.

Core faculty members will be expected to:

- Promote the activities and events of the Center both within Northeastern and to the public at large through research papers, presentations, popular press articles, social media and other communication channels.
- Participate in Center events.
- Participate in Center meetings once a semester. These meetings aim to (1) share updates on current faculty projects, (2) inform members about Center activities, and (3) generate ideas for future research directions and initiatives.
- Organize Center thematic events, including monthly Research Jams. Research Jams are Workshops, Panels, and Round Tables. These typically include a group of faculty, students, and/or practitioners who engage in a guided conversation around one of the Center's strategic research areas. Workshops always include hands-on activities and practical outcomes. Panels focus primarily on experts' presentations about completed research, followed by a structured Q&A session. Round Tables are less structured and more informal conversations about ongoing research and works-in-progress.
- Participate in the identification and development of Center-level grant proposals, which may include opportunities to collaboratively support graduate students and research assistants across affiliated faculty projects.

Core faculty members will benefit from:

- Having their research projects and profiles on the Center's website.

- Receiving CAMD seed grants to support their research on a competitive basis.
- Support from Center staff and research assistants in planning small events and any other research activity that align with the Center's mission, pending previous Director's approval.
- Promoting research that is aligned with the Center's mission (examples include, but are not limited to: book launches, guest lectures, round tables, symposia).
- Promoting research activities and projects in our events and communication channels (newsletters, social media).
- Offering priority in accessing the Center spaces for research-related activities.
- Access to CTM's network of visiting scholars and international partners.

Core faculty memberships are temporary (2 years) and renewable, subject to an assessment with the Center directors and the Associate Dean for Research, to review whether the relationships have proven productive for both the member and the Center: what synergies and outcomes have been activated or facilitated (i.e. grants, papers, networking, students' engagement, new events and research initiatives, etc.), and the overall engagement with the Center and its network.

Affiliated

Affiliated faculty expand the range of interdisciplinary and interinstitutional relationships of the Center. Affiliated faculty can apply from any department, institute, center, within NU and from other universities, or be invited by the Directors and core faculty members

Affiliations exist around — and by means of — a concrete prompt or prospective outcome (e.g. ideas for a new research direction or a new research project to be developed at the Center, a new research lab, a grant proposal, a paper, events for public engagement with research, etc.); the seeding idea/initiative is proposed by the candidate member and evaluated/approved by a majority of the core faculty members and the Associate Dean for Research. The affiliation is granted for one year and automatically renewed if the initiative is active. Center's mini-grant awardees are automatically considered as affiliated members.

Affiliated faculty members are encouraged to:

- Promote the activities and events of the Center both within Northeastern and to the public at large through research papers, presentations, popular press articles, social media and other communication channels.
- Participate in Center events.
- Participate in Center meetings to help discuss the future activities of the Center and share research activities.

The Center will support affiliated faculty members by:

- Displaying their research projects and profiles on the Center's website.
- Distributing CAMD seed grants on a competitive basis.
- Promoting research that is aligned with the Center's mission (examples include, but are not limited to: book launches, guest lectures, round tables, symposia).
- Promoting research activities and projects in our events and communication channels (newsletters, social media).

Postdoctoral Researchers

CTM welcomes postdoctoral researchers as active members of its research community. Postdoctoral researchers affiliated with the Center benefit from access to CTM's interdisciplinary network of faculty, graduate students, and community partners, as well as opportunities to develop their research agenda and engage with public-facing scholarship. Affiliated postdoctoral researchers are expected to participate in Center events and activities and are encouraged to contribute to Research Jams and other Center programming.

Ph.D. Students

CTM is committed to building an active doctoral community that extends beyond individual advising relationships. It is expected that faculty advisors affiliated with the Center encourage their Ph.D. students to participate in Center activities and become affiliated with the Center. Affiliated Ph.D. students benefit from access to a cross-disciplinary network of faculty and peers beyond their primary advisers, opportunities to present and discuss work in progress, and support for their professional development as researchers and scholars.

CTM supports its affiliated doctoral community through several recurring activities: twice-yearly Ph.D. Colloquia, where affiliated students present and discuss their research with CTM faculty and peers; monthly Research Jams, where students can engage informally with faculty and fellow researchers around the Center's strategic research areas; and workshops and events that connect students with visiting scholars, community partners, and industry practitioners. Ph.D. students are also encouraged to take an active role in organizing Center activities, including Research Jams and events, in collaboration with Center staff and faculty

Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students contribute to CTM's research community primarily through Design and Research Assistant (DRA) positions, where they support faculty research projects in areas such as software development, design, and audiovisual production. CTM also actively fosters connections with undergraduate student clubs and organizations whose interests align with the Center's mission, providing space and intellectual community for student-led initiatives. Undergraduate students are encouraged to engage with CTM programming and events as part of their broader intellectual development at Northeastern.