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Sensory Acts: Graduate Studies Opportunity

Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance | University of Regina

The Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance (MAP) graduate program at the University of Regina (Saskatchewan, Canada) seeks applicants for partially-funded graduate study toward a Master of Fine Arts or a Master of Arts degree beginning September 2022. Candidates interested in pursuing critical qualitative and arts-based research involving nonverbal interspecies communication with plants and/or animals, more-than-human research, sentient ecologies, ethnographic practice, film production and/or other art and historical art practices in Theatre, Performance, Visual Arts, Creative Technologies, Sound Studies and expanded cinema are welcome to apply. One position is available. The successful applicant will be based in either the MAP Interdisciplinary Program or the Department of Film for the 2-year program of study.

The research process and outcomes of the successful applicant will be affiliated with the SSHRC* funded interdisciplinary project, *Sensory Acts: More Than Human Communication in the Circumpolar North*, overseen by [Dr. Alex Oehler](#) and [Dr. Sarah Abbott](#). Funding for the successful applicant is available in the form of \$12,000 CAD per year for two years (total \$24,000 CAD) along with travel, per diem and fieldwork costs for a study period of 3 months in summer 2023. Additional funding may be sought through applications for a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA), University of Regina scholarships, and/or external funding sources such as SSHRC.

Candidates should have a demonstrated capacity for independent and original inquiry, interdisciplinary methods and analytical frameworks. A Bachelor's or Master's degree in a related field is required; previous coursework, research, and/or professional experience in related areas would be helpful. All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply, particularly those from traditionally underrepresented groups, including people who are Indigenous, Black, racialized, with mixed abilities, LGBTQ+, and women.

To initiate an application, please email a brief statement of interest, research proposal (max 500 words), and CV as a single PDF to Dr. Sarah Abbott (sarah.abbott@uregina.ca) and to Dr. Alex Oehler (alex.oehler@uregina.ca). Please do not include links to online materials as they will not be opened. For the second stage of the application process, transcripts, two letters of reference, and research/portfolio evidence will be requested. We will consider applications until the position is filled, with a deadline of June 13. Following informal acceptance, the candidate will officially apply to the relevant MAP graduate program through the University of Regina [Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research](#) application portal. There will be a standard application fee, as indicated on the portal. The final application will be vetted and admission determined by the relevant MAP Graduate Committee. To learn more about MAP and its programs please visit the [MAP webpages](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

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