IDIA P3 Faculty Fellowship Program
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IDIA Office Hours
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IDIA Mission & Focus

Engaging researchers, innovators, and scholars in cutting edge work to shape the future of our digital society while promoting equality, wellbeing, security, and prosperity.

Technology
New algorithms, digital techniques and technologies

Digital Society
Engaging in critical reflection that examines the implications of digital innovation ensuring social, ethical, political, and economic impact

Systems
Developing and deploying computing systems to advance fields as diverse as finance, education, national security, and social justice
Focus of this Program
- Mason Faculty and Researchers

Program Intent
- Stimulate research collaborations and partnerships between George Mason University and industry partners
- Address impactful societal problems and cutting-edge digital solutions of consequence to the local, regional, or national economy
- Directly support the growth of Mason’s digital innovation ecosystem and catalyze a tightly integrated academe-industry community of innovation
- Strengthen IDIA research community and identity
Important Programmatic Attributes

- Deeply collaborative teams between Mason faculty/researchers AND industry partners
- Further scientific and engineering foundations
- Enable future breakthrough technologies
- Address critical industry needs
- Broadly benefit our society
- Constitute digital innovation for good

Competitive applications align with IDIA’s mission of catalyzing cutting-edge computing research that shapes the future of our digital society and promotes equality, well-being, security, and prosperity. More information about IDIA can be found at idia.gmu.edu.
IDIA P3 Faculty Fellowship Program: Eligibility

Who Can Apply
- Only current employees of George Mason University can apply
- Limited to tenure-track, tenured, or research-track faculty
- An individual may participate in only one proposal
- Being a consultant for a company disqualifies that individual from participating in this program through a partnership with that company

Preparatory Work
- Identify an industry partner that commits to a deeply collaborative relationship to work jointly on a problem of critical importance to industry and society at large

How to Apply
- The application template (and other submission information) can be found at: https://idia.gmu.edu/p3-faculty-fellowship/

Application Deadline: March 27, 2023, 11:59 PM EST
Fellowship award
- Provided as a one-time, standard award (no increments, no requirements on budget categories)
- Expected to be in the range of $50,000 to $75,000

Fellowship Duration
- Up to two years

Numbers of Fellowships
- Up to five for FY 23 contingent upon quality of submissions
- Annual growth in cohort size is anticipated contingent upon availability of funds
IDIA P3 Faculty Fellowship Program: Structure

IDIA P3 Faculty Fellows are expected to:

- Identify an industry partner that commits to a *deeply collaborative relationship* to work *jointly* on a problem of critical importance to industry and society at large.

- Formulate a novel research approach that has *high intellectual merit* and promises to lead to a breakthrough technology with *high broader impact*.

- Provide *evidence of the commitment* of the industry partner on joint research and innovation.

Evidence of partner commitment can include one or more of the following:

- A letter of shared interests and mission by a company representative.

- Access to and utilization of company data, hard, and/or software infrastructure.

- In-kind commitment by allocating company staff to work jointly with Mason faculty.

- Opportunities for Mason undergraduate or graduate students potentially included in the project to further their experience through internships and other industry-housed activities and events.

*Industry partners can have a local, regional, national, or international footprint.*
IDIA P3 Faculty Fellows are considered an integral part of the IDIA community. As such, they will have the opportunity to:

- Take part in community-building events with other IDIA fellows and faculty
- Collaborate with other fellows to organize and support IDIA-sponsored events, such as seminars, panels, workshops, and tutorials
- Connect with IDIA’s growing network of academic, government, think tank, and industry partners around digital innovation
- Benefit from in-support activities, such as Mason Enterprise ICAPS, Accelerate, and other Mason Innovation Exchange and Mason Enterprise programs
- An end-of-year ‘Come Meet our Fellows’ meeting will celebrate and disseminate the achievements of the IDIA fellows (Faculty & Predoctoral)
A successful IDIA P3 Faculty Fellows experience naturally positions fellows for industry-partnered external funding opportunities, which include but are not limited to:

- The NSF GOALI program, the NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) program, the NSF I-Corps program, the NSF Activate Program, and larger-scale NSF programs, such as IUCRC, ERC, STC, the Virginia Catalyst Award program, the NIH Bioengineering Partnerships with Industry, the NCI Academic-Industrial Partnerships for Translation of Technologies for Diagnosis and Treatment, the DTRA Transitions Program, the SBIR/STTR program, the DARPA Embedded Entrepreneurship Initiative, the DARPA Information Innovation program, etc.

When you prepare your application:

- Section H. ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT (one page)
  - This is an opportunity for you to relate any other aspects of the proposed activities that are not already addressed in the earlier sections of this application. Here is a suggestion: This is an exciting moment of growth for IDIA, and this page is your opportunity to envision how fellows (or this particular project) can steer and grow IDIA’s portfolio of activities.
Review Process
- Awards will be made on a competitive basis
- Applications will be reviewed by interdisciplinary senior researchers and faculty
- Conflicts of Interest will be addressed rigorously

For Other Information
- https://idia.gmu.edu/p3-faculty-fellowship/

Questions formulated after these office hours
- Office hours: February 10, 2023, 10:00-11:00AM
- Email: idia2@gmu.edu

We now welcome any questions
Q on Review and Notification Timeline

- How quickly will decisions be made?

- Applications in: March 27th
- Panel reviewed by May 15
- Goal: notifications before end of May
- Fellowship awards signed and sealed by end of July