

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship: Critical AI Studies

Position Description

[NYU Shanghai](#) is currently accepting applications for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow position in Critical Studies of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This position is part of the University's interdisciplinary research initiative, which investigates the social implications of AI through in-depth and creative engagement with emerging technologies in AI and machine-enabled automation.

This is a two-year position starting in Fall 2025, and an earlier start is also possible for special cases. The appointment start date for non-Chinese applicants is subject to immigration regulations. The fellow will primarily work with Professor Jing Wang in Interactive Media and Business for research and publication. There are also opportunities to collaborate with NYU Shanghai and NYU New York faculty in other areas, including Computer Science, Data Science, Urban Studies, Interactive Media Arts, and Business & Finance to advance the interdisciplinary understanding of AI.

Terms of employment at [NYU Shanghai](#) are comparable to NYU New York and other U.S. institutions.

Qualifications

We welcome applications from scholars with a recent Ph.D. from all relevant social sciences and humanities fields, particularly communication studies, political economy, science & technology studies (STS), cultural studies, media studies, and information systems. Candidates who combine mixed methods, including but not limited to historical analyses, textual studies, statistics, and policy research, are preferred. We are particularly interested in scholars taking a critical approach to understanding the role of AI in shaping the domain of retail finance, media and entertainment, communication technology, consumer culture, or public governance. Exceptional ABD candidates who see themselves fit in the above intersections are also encouraged to apply.

The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will be expected to devote their time to their own research agenda, as well as play a vital role in the research projects supervised by Professor Jing Wang, from data collection to analysis and research dissemination. There is no teaching requirement for this position. Around 10 percent of their workload will be organizing workshops, developing curriculum, and building relationships with external partners relevant to the supervised research projects. The candidates can also propose Shanghai-based scholarly activities, such as potential collaborations and/or workshops that can contribute to their own research and/or the research communities at NYU Shanghai.

Application Instructions

A complete application consists of:

1. **Cover Page** – Include your name and contact information, dissertation supervisor name and contact information, defense date (if degree not awarded), and 100-word summary of your scholarly identity.
2. **Research Statement (*not to exceed 500 words*)** – Include research questions, topic significance, theoretical framework, methodological design, clear description of primary sources and necessary language skills, and work plan with projected date of project completion.
3. **Statement of Institutional Fit (*not to exceed 250 words*)** – Explain how NYU Shanghai could boost your research potential and support your career development in the fields of your interests. You can also include proposed scholarly activities in this statement, if any.
4. **CV** – List degrees, peer-reviewed publications, academic non-peer-reviewed publications, creative and public scholarship, invited talks, conference papers, other relevant qualifications, and language skills.
5. **Project bibliography (*not to exceed one single-spaced page, minimum font size 11*)** – Include primary and secondary sources.
6. **Letters of Recommendation** – Three referees' information are required, including one from the dissertation supervisor. Reference letters will only be required for finalists.
7. **Up to two papers** – Published articles, book chapters, dissertation chapters are preferred.

All materials except reference letters must be submitted via this link: <https://apply.interfolio.com/156289> by **January 15, 2025**. We expect to contact selected candidates for Zoom interviews by February, 2025. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Please email the NYU Shanghai NY Office of Faculty Recruitment shanghai.faculty.recruitment@nyu.edu with any questions regarding the application process. Further information on the advertised position may be obtained by contacting Professor Jing Wang (jw2663@nyu.edu) directly.

About NYU Shanghai

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community. NYU Shanghai recruits scholars of the highest caliber who are committed to NYU's global vision of transformative teaching and innovative research and who embody the global society in which we live.

NYU's Global Network includes degree-granting campuses in New York, Shanghai, and Abu Dhabi, complemented by thirteen additional academic centers across the world. Faculty and students may circulate within the Network in pursuit of common research interests and cross-cultural, interdisciplinary endeavors, both local and global.

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[NYU Shanghai](#) is an equal opportunity employer committed to equity, diversity, and social inclusion. We strongly encourage applications from under-represented individuals in the profession, across color, creed, race, ethnic and national origin, physical ability, and gender and sexual identity. [NYU Shanghai](#) affirms the value of differing perspectives on the world as we strive to build the strongest possible university with the widest reach.