

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 one-year, renewable membership, with a commitment to meet twice a year to review strategic goals and support communication and engagement activities. The bi-annual 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 mission statement](#).

Candidates for affiliated faculty can be presented 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.¹

¹ Once a semester, the Center will host a meeting with core faculty members with the goals of (1) learning about current faculty projects, (2) updating members on center activities and, (3) getting ideas for future research activities.

- Organize Center thematic events.²
- Contribute a percentage of the time of members' RAs, PhDs students, etc. to work on Center activities (organizing research jams, events, etc.), as needed.
- Participate in the identification and/or the development of Center-level grant proposals.

Core faculty members will benefit from:

- Having their research projects and profiles on the Center's website.
- Receiving mini-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.³
- 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.

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

² Monthly research jams are informal research meetings that will happen once a month at lunch time. The goal of the research jams are to informally discuss and share experiences of pressing and relevant issues around the Center's research strategic areas with practical outcomes. For example, discussions might focus on "using AI tools for creative research", "meaningfully engaging with local communities", or "developing new methods for engaged research". Jams can be planned by the directors, affiliated and core faculty, or PhD students. The format is free (informal chat, round tables, lecture), as long as it focuses on one of the Center's strategic research areas. The organizer is responsible for inviting speakers, participants and promoting the event with the support of Center staff. To be held at the 3rd Floor at Snell Library, space adjacent to the Center. The center will provide lunch.

³ Pending previous approval.

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 research mini-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).

PhD Students

It is expected that faculty advisors affiliated with the Center encourage their PhD students to participate in the Center activities, engage in Center events, and become affiliated with the Center.

Center affiliated PhD students will participate in a monthly colloquium [TBD].

Undergraduate students

Undergraduate students affiliated with the Center will be working directly in affiliated faculty projects.