



## Digital Life Initiative accepting applications for DLI Doctoral Fellowships | 2023-24

Fostering mutual learning and interdisciplinary exchange, the Digital Life Initiative at Cornell Tech was launched in 2017 to focus on ethical, political, policy and quality of life issues relating to digital and information systems. We are excited to invite PhD students to join our dynamic community of technologists, humanists, social scientists and legal scholars as DLI Doctoral Fellows for the 2023-24 academic year.

The Doctoral Fellowship Program engages students in systematic inquiry into ethical and political implications of the digital age. Such inquiry centers on issues – e.g. fairness, security, privacy, and accountability – that concern existing and emergent digital technologies. Fellows will focus on societal aspects of technical projects in which *they* are immersed, and the intellectual approaches needed for tackling them in an informed and rigorous manner.

### What does a DLI Doctoral Fellowship entail?

Doctoral Fellows are required to attend the weekly [Digital Life Seminar](#), publish at least one entry for the DLI Critical Reflections, and participate in the DLI Reading Group. Fellows receive a research stipend and opportunities to present their work-in-progress to the DLI Seminar or other public and closed forums. They will further refine their critical thinking in workshops, conferences, and reading groups hosted by DLI.

### Who can apply?

PhD students (based in New York City) enrolled in any of the programs at Cornell Tech or Cornell University.

### Duration

The Doctoral Fellowship will last one academic year, from August, 2023 to August, 2024. Fellows are welcome to participate in DLI seminars, workshops and events beyond this period.

### Submission Requirements

- CV
- Cover letter (1-2 pages) outlining research/project interests and connections to DLI's core themes.
- Names and contact information of two Faculty mentors.
- Please send all material to **Menasha Joseph Seeraj** at [maj95@cornell.edu](mailto:maj95@cornell.edu) by **April 25th, 2023**.

Feel free to contact **Helen Nissenbaum** (DLI Director, [helen.nissenbaum@cornell.edu](mailto:helen.nissenbaum@cornell.edu)) or **Michael Byrne** (DLI Research Associate, [mjb556@cornell.edu](mailto:mjb556@cornell.edu)) for more information.

We very much look forward to hearing from you!

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