

Centre for Digital Media:
Seeking Two (2) Part-Time Limited Term Practitioner Faculty for Renowned Master of Digital Media Program

The Centre for Digital Media (CDM) invites applications for two (2) 6% part-time limited term practitioner faculty positions at the rank of Assistant Professor of Practice starting **September 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**. The successful candidates will teach in Fall 2026 for the Master of Digital Media program.

About CDM and MDM:

Centre for Digital Media (CDM) was established through the ground-breaking partnership of four leading academic institutions: The University of British Columbia ([UBC](#)), Simon Fraser University ([SFU](#)), Emily Carr University of Art + Design ([ECU](#)), and the British Columbia Institute of Technology ([BCIT](#)). CDM collaborates with our four founding academic institution partners, industry and the community to create world-leading digital media programming that focuses on addressing society's most important challenges.

The Master of Digital Media (MDM) is an applied research professional graduate program that emphasizes collaborative, project-based learning. In collaboration with industry, students receive hands-on applied research experience developing digital media products. CDM faculty emphasize a holistic educational process that addresses the needs of each individual student within our cohort-based MDM program. There is emphasis on an end-to-end student experience focusing on support across all courses, one-on-one professional support, and mentorship. The program equips students with the skills, knowledge, and experience to become future leaders in the digital media workforce. Faculty in CDM's MDM program are members of SFU's Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology and School of Interactive Arts and Technology.

Duties:

The faculty members will join the MDM program to facilitate DMED 530 Internships:

- Students will have access to a field-aligned faculty member for career-oriented mentorship. There are mandatory assignments and optional online workshops.

They will supervise students in their respective discipline as they embark on supported job searches. Based on their extensive industry experience, the faculty members will provide mentorship on professional standards, job seeking, and professional conduct to support job placements for specific fields of practice.

The faculty member will be expected to contribute to CDM's teaching excellence and academic community through activities such as attending meetings, committee work, mentorship and ongoing curriculum enhancements. The successful candidate will need to utilize their extensive industry experience to support students. The workload consists of set office hours to be scheduled during regular business hours.

Candidate Summary:

Two positions are available: one (1) specializing in art/technical art and one (1) specializing in ventures / entrepreneurship.

Required Qualifications:

Professional experience, teaching excellence and cutting-edge immersion in the Digital Creative Technology field are key criteria for this position. The successful candidates must have:

- A Master's degree or higher in Digital Media or a related field.
- Supervised or played a senior role in shipping, launching, or producing digital media products, ventures, or projects within the past 3 years outside of an academic setting.
- Applied industry experience with rapid iterative methodologies and other project management frameworks in collaborative production environments
- Recent involvement in hiring, mentoring, team leadership, or talent development within the Digital Media, creative technology, startup, or innovation sectors, with familiarity around professional portfolio requirements and interview processes.
- Extensive professional networks within the given area of specialization relevant to North American industry and career pathways
- Experience teaching in adult education training or mentoring in professional practice

Requirements for mentorship in art and/or technical art:

- A professional specialization in art and/or technical art in areas such as 2D/3D animation, asset creation, visual development or technical art
- Significant recent industry expertise in the following areas:
 - Deep familiarity with production pipelines from concept to final implementation
 - Iterative art development
 - Optimization of assets for various technical constraints
 - Familiarity with real-time rendering for game engines

Requirements for mentorship in venture / entrepreneurship:

- Experience with MITACS Accelerate Entrepreneur grants an asset
- Recent experience (within the past 5 years) building, launching, operating, or supporting a startup, venture, nonprofit, entrepreneurial initiative, or innovation-focused project.
- Experience in one or more of the following areas:
 - Early-stage venture development and validation
 - Business model development and go-to-market strategy
 - Securing grants, sponsorships, funding, or investment support
 - Product, project, or operations management in startup or innovation environments
 - Partnership development, stakeholder engagement, or community building
 - Leading multidisciplinary teams through ambiguity and iterative development
- Experience mentoring entrepreneurs, founders, student ventures, or innovation teams is strongly preferred.
- Familiarity with incubators, accelerators, innovation ecosystems, or entrepreneurial funding pathways (MITACS and other grants) is considered an asset.

Desired Qualifications:

- Ability to engage diverse students in the classroom using innovative pedagogies and teaching practices informed by the latest research.
- Demonstrate industry leadership through paid senior positions in digital media and thought leadership.
- A demonstrated record of teaching excellence with students in a post-secondary or professional environment.

Applications must contain:

- A recent curriculum vitae and, if applicable, portfolio.

Applications should be submitted to: hr@theccdm.ca by June 17, 2026.

Faculty salaries at SFU are based on the salary scales defined by the collective agreement between the University and the SFU Faculty Association. A reasonable estimate of the salary range for this role is \$104,700 to \$133,322, prorated to percentage of the appointment (6%).

SFU is an equity employer and strongly encourages applications from all qualified individuals including women, Indigenous Peoples, racialized persons, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, persons with disabilities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Personal information that forms part of an application is collected under the general authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, applicable University Policies, and the SFUFA/SFU Collective Agreement. For further details see the full [Collection Notice](#).