

Are you an **OpenThinker**?

Apply to be part of Dalhousie University's **OpenThink** Initiative

What is Dalhousie University's OpenThink Initiative?

Offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the OpenThink Initiative empowers a select group of PhD researchers to engage with public beyond the university. Dal's *OpenThinkers* are equipped with the communication skills and platform necessary to inform public discourse and influence policy.

What does it mean to be an OpenThinker?

As an OpenThinker, you will receive hands-on training through a series of expert-led workshops in how to reach public audiences and share your knowledge. In return, you will become an ambassador for graduate studies at Dal and for your own work by sharing your research and ideas via as social media, blogs, public speaking opportunities, media interviews, and articles for mainstream news publications, such as The Conversation Canada.

Why it pays to OpenThink

First, it actually does pay. Each OpenThinker receives a scholarship of \$1,500 and is eligible to apply for OpenThink funding to travel to relevant conferences and workshops. Beyond that, you will graduate with rich experiences and skills that will support you throughout your career. Whether you choose a life in academia, industry or beyond, employers are searching for people with the ability to communicate complex ideas to the public. You'll build a CV and skills that get noticed and have your voice amplified by the university.

So, OpenThink about it!

TELL US WHO YOU ARE

The details

Last Name

First Name

Student ID number

Student e-mail address

Twitter handle you would use as an OpenThinker

Current place of residence

What year of your program are you in?

Expected graduation term and year

Can you commit writing one blog post per month of between 500 and 700 words for 11 months?

Yes No

If Dalhousie's 3 Minute Thesis competition takes place this year, will you participate?

Yes No

Getting to know you

Describe the major focus of your research in two sentences or less. Explain it as you would to a non-expert at a pub or over a coffee. What's most important and interesting? Engage them.

**Do you have an opinion, backed up by your research, that you're passionate about and want to share with the world?
[200 word limit]**

Who would benefit most from your research? In 200 words or less tell them what they should know about your findings and why they should care.

If you could make a difference in the world with your research, what would it be? [200 word limit]

Please provide the Twitter handles of five individuals or organizations who you would like to influence with your research-based ideas.

Please include

A copy of your most recent CV. If possible, include links to or samples of any public outreach activities you have done (e.g., blogs, public speaking, media interviews, professional writing, etc.) that may be useful in helping us understand your experience with public outreach.

Please merge your completed application form and CV into one PDF document and submit to OpenThink@dal.ca with the subject line "OpenThink Application" no later than December 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Learn more at dal.ca/OpenThink