

# Ashley Fellow: Call for Nominations

## Preamble

The Ashley Fellowship is administered by the Colleges at Trent University and is awarded to a visiting scholar each year. The Ashley Fellowship Committee is now requesting nominations for the 2026-2027 Ashley Fellow. Nominations may come from fellows of any of the Colleges or from any college affiliated departments. This is a wonderful opportunity for the University community to benefit from the presence of a distinguished intellectual who enhances our academic programs and collegiate life.

The fellowship is funded by a bequest from the late Professor C.A. Ashley, long-time friend of Trent University and an enthusiastic proponent of the importance of collegiate life in the academic pursuits of the University. The Ashley Fellow is therefore a visiting scholar who is a resident guest in one of Trent's residential Colleges. By the terms approved by Senate in 1976, and in keeping with Professor Ashley's wishes, "scholar" should be broadly interpreted to include persons not necessarily holding an academic appointment.

## Eligibility

Fellows will be persons of significant achievement in their field, but not necessarily holding an academic appointment, who will contribute broadly to the academic and collegiate life of the University.

The Ashley Fellow must be willing to commit to at least two weeks of being in residence at the university. These weeks may be served on one occasion or separated into two one week stays.

## Value

The value of the fellowship is \$5,000.00 CAD to be paid to the visiting fellow. Accommodation and most meals will be provided during in-residence stays. Travel costs of up to \$1,000.00 CAD (for the purposes of travelling to and from Trent University) are covered by the fellowship. Any additional travel costs to be paid by the fellow from the stipend.

## Application

Nominations for the 2026-2027 Ashley Fellow should include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- a completed application form;
- a current CV for the individual being nominated
- a letter of support from the proposed host College Principal
- any additional letters of support (internal or from outside groups/individuals)
- any other information that you feel might help the committee members in their deliberations

The principal who has immediately hosted the Ashley Fellow chairs the committee for the next year's nominations. In this case, it will be Dr. James Onusko, Principal, Champlain College & Acting Principal, Trill. Please note that this means that Champlain College and Trill College are ineligible to hold the 2026-27 Ashley Fellow.

**Please send any nominations to Dr. James Onusko's ([jonusko@trentu.ca](mailto:jonusko@trentu.ca)) attention, by Friday, May 22, 2026.**

## Nomination Form Nominee

_____	_____
First Name	Last Name
_____	
Role/Occupation/Field/Specialization	

## Nominator

_____	_____
First Name	Last Name
_____	_____
Position	Department

## Nominating College

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Principal

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College

### Interest and Availability

Has the nominee been approached about interest and availability?      Yes      No

If yes, is the nominee interesting in a single longer visit or two shorter visits?

Single Visit

Two Visits

Alternate Arrangement (please specify):

When might the nominee be interested in fulfilling their fellowship duties (select all that apply)?

Fall Term

Winter Term

Is the nominee aware of the expectation to stay in residence (guest suite accommodation provided)?

Yes

No

What are the projected travel costs from nominee's home to Trent University and return?

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## Statement

Please provide a brief statement about the individual and the ways in which she or he would contribute to the academic and collegiate life of Trent University (approx. 500-1000 words)

Please append all supporting documents. Suggested documents include:

- a completed application form;

- a current CV for the individual being nominated

- a letter of support from the proposed host College Principal

- additional letters of support (internal or from outside groups/individuals)

- other information that you feel might help the committee members in their

- deliberation