

Guidelines for Two-Year ThingStudio Faculty Fellows — 2022-2024

Fall First Year

- Building relationships and exploring options are the primary goals.
- First-year Fellows start their participation with community building and goal setting. They will discuss their visions and goals for their two years with ThingLeads, second-year Fellows, and other first-year Fellows.
- First-year Fellows will attend and engage in Thing activities, engage in ThingPartner conversations with their paired second-year Fellow, learn more about the program and their options, and explore what types of workshops, personal projects, or other contributions to Thing and CU Denver they want to make.
- ThingPartner meetings might occur once a month or more, but should occur at least twice per semester. These are casual conversations of exploration and sharing in whatever ways best suit the ThingPartners themselves.

Spring First Year

- Continue to engage in Thing activities, looking ahead to year two.
- First-year Fellows may choose to co-lead events or to join second-year Fellows in order to support their events and activities. There is, however, no obligation to do so.
- By the end of the spring term, first-year Fellows will have a plan for their own second-year projects and other ThingStudio activities. They are welcome to begin on those any time during their first year. The ThingStudio community will always be glad to encourage and assist in whatever way best supports all Fellows.
- Fellows who participate actively during the first year and have developed plans for their second year will receive a one-time stipend at the end of the spring term.

Second Year

- Second-year Fellows will continue to participate in ThingStudio activities, including the important work of mentoring the new cohort of first-year Fellows.
- Second-year Fellows will present, publish, and/or conduct events or workshops to follow through on their planning and explorations from their first year.
- Fellows will receive funds toward a course buyout and a one-time stipend in the spring of their second year for their participation and contributions. Fellows must make all arrangements for a course buyout with their primary units.

GOALS: We hope that this guided two-year Fellowship will maximize Fellows' experiences and benefits as part of the Thing community. Rather than being rigid or setting limits, we hope that this outline will offer support and guidelines, as well as expectations. At any time, Fellows can explore alternatives with any or all ThingStudio colleagues. Personal projects might inform workshops. Our goal is to encourage and support exploration, innovation, risk-taking, and gratifying creation.

Minimal Expectations for all Fellows every Semester

- Written observations to be shared, such as through a blog post, proposal, suggestions for moving Thing and CU Denver forward, etc.

Possible ways to engage with ThingStudio

- Attending other people's events/workshops
- Plan and host your own event or workshop, possibly jointly with others
- Write something (including ThingStudio in your bio, with a link, would be great)
- Write a blog for Thing's website
- Change in your practice (teaching or something else)
- Propose an initiative/project
- Work on and complete an initiative/project
- Create an object (art, software, etc.)
- Propose your own action — Choose your own adventure
- Plan and facilitate the annual Unconference
- Attend planning meetings throughout the AY
- Participate in mentor meetings as
- Shoot a spit wad (metaphorically speaking) at something, constructively, of course
- Attend and/or present at the Unconference
- Share developments in your learning practice with Thing colleagues