

Building 21 BLUE Fellowship Program—Winter 2021

BLUE (Beautiful, Limitless, Unconstrained, Exploration)

Do you have an idea for a project or process that doesn't fit within conventional research domains? A radical, wild idea that crosses discipline boundaries? Or do you simply have a passionate need to explore, create and learn in unconventional ways?

Our vision

Building 21 is proud to announce **BLUE (Beautiful Limitless Unconstrained Exploration) paid Internships**. Inspired by our core mission—to enable scholars to freely seek and pursue innovative interdisciplinary ideas and projects that don't fit into conventional research domains—BLUE are not your traditional internships.

Internship theme

For the first time this semester, we ask all research submissions to fit within the open-ended theme of **radical new futures**.

Radical New Futures: What is your future of 2050? In such a future, what have we done right? What have we started, or stopped doing? We invite students to imagine radical visions of the futures of Infrastructure, Medicine, Poetry, Philosophy, Governance, Ecology, Economics, AI—indeed, any dimension whose future concerns you. This Fellowship is designed to allow students to become authors of their own visions of the future, to provide a space in which our agency can re-enter the arena of imagining our shared tomorrow.

What we're looking for

Applications must 'wow' the selection committee. Applications can be submitted on whatever platform students feel will best highlight their ideas and personal strengths (video, text, music, filmed performance, unusual and original research work, etc.).

Please aim for maximum impact as opposed to length for our committee members. We strongly recommend keeping videos and similar applications to be viewed within 3 minutes.

The application should highlight the originality, boldness and creativity of the applicant and/or the idea submitted. We are looking for students who are passionate, engaged, autonomous and are obsessed with knowledge, and learning.

Short-listed students will be called for an interview in which they will be expected to explain their rationale for applying, and their overall goals.

Application details

Job function: Develop one's personal original, creative and rigorous academic project in order to acquire the knowledge and skills so think beyond the acknowledged, the recognized and the comfortable. As an aspect of the internship, students will also be asked to help organize or host B21 events and take on some administrative tasks. Upon hiring, students will meet with the staff from Building 21 to find a supervisor (either a B21 staff member or a McGill faculty member).

- **Application deadline:** Monday, December 7th, 2020 at 11:59pm EST
- **Start date:** January 28, 2021
- **End date:** March 26, 2021
- **Position type:** Internship, full time or part-time
- **Desired degree level:** Open to all levels (Bachelors, Masters, PhDs and Post Docs)
- **Eligibility:** Open to all McGill students who are in good academic standing and to students who have graduated from McGill during the previous semester.
- **Remuneration:** \$2500
- **Until further notice, all programming will take place online.**

APPLY HERE:

<https://building21.ca/blue-internship>

For more info

[We will offer two Q&A sessions on November 13th and 17th at 5:00pm EST on Zoom.](#)

To get the zoom link, please RSVP to Rebecca Brosseau at rebecca.brosseau@mail.mcgill.ca

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