

Fellow Voyager,

We are delighted that you agreed last summer to join our research project, “Seeking the Human in Human(e) Tech,” for which we sought a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Although we recently learned that the NEH did not fund our project, we are pleased to report that our dean, Jeffrey Cohen, has felicitously provided us with additional resources that enable us to begin this critical work.

As you may recall, we proposed convening three virtual design studios with an invited cohort of fellow travelers from industry and academia across those three. The expectation is that the outputs of each studio will provide the inputs and framing for the next – a co-creative and participatory model. We hope that you remain interested in being part of our cohort, a fellow traveler willing to move forward with this experiment in ethics and innovation. (We attach, for your information, a short description of the project scope and activities.)

We write today to confirm your continuing interest in this project and to ask that you reserve Thursday, February 25, 2021 for the first in this series of co-design studios, which will focus on “Disability, Bodies, and Work.” The one-and-a-half-hour event will take place on Zoom. For your participation as a Design Fellow in three studios, we can offer you a stipend of \$1,050, or \$350/individual studio.

We propose holding the second co-design studio on March 25, 2021 and the third early in the fall of 2021.

We very much hope that you remain interested in continuing this journey with us; your contributions will be invaluable as we launch this important work. We have attached for your information a brief description of the overall project. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Warm regards,
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