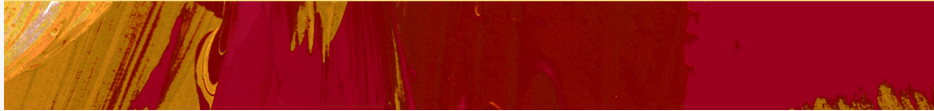**COLLEGE of DESIGN**

RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

Monthly funding, education opportunities, events, and resources from the College of Design's Research, Engagement & Creative Scholarship Team.

December 2023

RESEARCH + CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP SHOWCASE

Save the date for the 2024 College of Design Research and Creative Scholarship Showcase on Friday, April 5.

We welcome research and scholarly projects from students, faculty, and staff.

Submit projects by January 16!

CFP: IMAGINE ANNUAL FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS 2024

Established in 2007, through a generous gift from the McKnight Foundation to provide competitive financial support for research and scholarship in the arts, humanities, and design at the University of Minnesota, the Imagine Fund is driven by a strategic commitment to increase the impact and visibility of faculty work centered in these three disciplines. The **Annual Faculty Research Grants** are part of the Imagine Fund and are distributed through block grants to designated arts, humanities, and design colleges.

The College of Design will be distributing up to fifteen (15) grants of maximum $5,000 each for a three-year funding period beginning in 2024.

Please review the Call for Proposals for more information. Apply at: z.umn.edu/CDesImagine

Additionally, two other funding opportunities from the Imagine Fund have January 29 deadlines. The Imagine Arts, Humanities, and Design Chair Award is administered by the Office of Faculty and Academic Affairs. The Imagine Special Events Grants program is administered by the Institute for Advanced Studies.

The Fashion and Play Symposium is now accepting abstract submissions!

Scholars and practitioners are invited to submit original abstracts, completed at the time of submission, not submitted to another journal and/or presented at another conference in the following categories: Research, Teaching, Concept, and Creative Design. Submissions may be related to broad definitions of fashion/design and play. Graduate student and undergraduate student submissions are encouraged! Submissions are due Wednesday, January 10.

FUNDING

Student Opportunities

INTERNAL

January 15 | Circularity Impact Fellowship Program. Master's and PhD students in STEM, public policy, or urban planning and interested in circularity can apply.

January 19 | Torske Klubben Fellowship. $16,000 stipend. For incoming and current master's and doctoral students to support future leaders with a cultural and/or professional interest in Norway.

January 31 | Judd Travel Grants. Up to $2,500 for international travel by graduate and professional students to study, undertake internships, or conduct research abroad.

February 23 | Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. $25,000 stipend plus tuition and professional development support. For PhD candidates to finalize and write their dissertation during the fellowship year. Program Nomination required. Please reach out to your Director of Graduate Studies or Graduate Program Coordinator.

EXTERNAL

December 31 | Sally Kress Tompkins Fellowship. $12,000 stipend. A joint program of the Society of Architectural Historians and the Historic American Buildings Survey, for a graduate student in architectural history or a related field to conduct research on a nationally significant U.S. building or site during a 12-week period.

February 1 | Various scholarships through the Landscape Architecture Foundation.

February 6 | Education Pioneers Fellowship (final round deadline).

April 1 | AIA-AAH & AAH Foundation Fellowships in Health Facility Planning and Design.

VARIOUS DEADLINES

Institute for Humane Studies

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

ACLS Fellowships & Grants Programs

Research resources for Graduate Students

Faculty Internal Opportunities

INTERNAL CDES

January 29 | Imagine Annual Faculty Research Grant. Up to $5,000. Imagine grants support innovative research and scholarship in the arts, design, and humanities.

Please review the Call for Proposals for eligibility and other information. Apply at: z.umn.edu/CDesImagine

INTERNAL UMN

Rolling | IAS Call for Concepts. Up to $5,000 to support promising, early-stage, interdisciplinary project ideas, especially ideas that align with IAS priorities. IAS Priorities: Advocating for racial justice; strengthening community engagement; expanding international partnerships; creating pathways for institutional transformation. UMN system faculty, instructors, and staff are eligible.

December 15 | UMN GPSA International Travel Grants. Up to $2,000 for faculty and P&A staff to support the internationalization of the University on all campuses through research, teaching, and outreach.

December 15 | Early Innovation Fund from Technology Commercialization funds short-term projects that advance early-stage innovations. $3,000 to $10,000 per project. Eligibility: open to all UMN researchers and employees, including faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and staff.

January 29 | Imagine Arts, Humanities, and Design Chair Award. Up to $100,000 per chair for a two-year term. The Imagine Fund Arts, Humanities, and Design Chair is administered by the Office of Faculty and Academic Affairs. For information on the AHD Chair Award, please contact Chris Bremer, Faculty Awards Coordinator, breme006@umn.edu.

January 29 | Imagine Fund Special Events Grant Program. Generally $5,000-$15,000. Supports new and ongoing activities across the University of Minnesota system that promote profound understanding of the human condition, excellence, innovation, collaboration, interdisciplinary dialogue, and greater public engagement with the University.

February 5 | Grant in Aid of Research, Artistry & Scholarship. Funds support the University's strategic plan MPact 2025 and academic excellence through the promotion of research, scholarly and artistic activities of faculty throughout the University. In FY23, the average award was $34,608.

March 1 | Study of Writing in the Disciplines (WID). $2,000-$6,000. The Center for Writing's WID Grants program offers small grants to support faculty & instructor research on writing in their academic disciplines and as they cross disciplinary borders. A statement of interest is due March 1, 2024.

Select Faculty External Opportunities

Continuous | The Audacious Project invites big ideas that will catalyze social impact on a grand scale. Ideas submitted will be considered for future collaborative funding and invited proposals.

Rolling | Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is seeking new or unconventional ideas from any discipline focused on improving health equity and well-being.

December 18 | Arnold W. Brunner Grant. $15,000 for advanced study in any area of architectural investigation that will effectively contribute to the knowledge, teaching, or practice of the art and science of architecture. The proposed investigation is to result in a final written work, design project, research paper, or other form of presentation.

January 24 | ***NEW*** Research on Innovative Technologies for Enhanced Learning (NSF). Up to $900,000. Supports early-stage research in emerging technologies such as AI, robotics and immersive or augmenting technologies for teaching and learning that respond to pressing needs in real-world educational environments.

February 15 | ***NEW*** Grants for Arts Projects: Design (NEA). Up to $100,000. Projects include architecture, communications and graphic design, fashion design, historic preservation, industrial and product design, interior design, inclusive design, landscape architecture, rural design, social impact design, and urban design.

February 16 | NIH Small Research Grant Program. Up to $100,000. This program supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology.

February 25 | Graham Foundation Grants to Organizations. Up to $30,000. Assist with the production and presentation of significant programs about architecture and the designed environment in order to promote dialogue, raise awareness, and develop new and wider audiences.

March 5 | ***NEW*** Buildings Energy Efficiency Frontiers & Innovation Technologies (BENEFIT, Dept of Energy). Funding across four topic areas: Topic 1: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning and Water Heating Technologies. Topic 2: Innovative, Replicable, and Low-Cost Roof and Attic Retrofits. Topic 3: Building Resilience and Capacity Constraints. Topic 4: Commercial Lighting Retrofit Advancements

March 25 | ***NEW*** Research Grants in the Arts (NEA). Up to $100,000.Research Grants in the Arts funds research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecosystem or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life.

April 1 | Smart and Connected Communities (NSF). Supports use-inspired research that addresses communities' social, economic and environmental challenges. Projects must work with community stakeholders on pilots that integrate intelligent technologies with the natural and built environments.

CURATED LIST OF FUNDING FOR CDES >

ADDITIONAL FUNDING RESOURCES

| **Private Foundation Opportunities** | **Industry Funding and Partnerships** | **Subscription Funding Databases** |

EVENTS

Designing and Conducting Focus Groups

January 8-9, 2023 | 9:00 - 10:15 am

These two-day interactive courses are excellent for those looking to test new programs and ideas or looking to improve existing programs through focus group studies.

Three sessions offered:
- Session 1: January 8-9, 2024
- Session 2: January 10-11, 2024
- Session 3: March 4-5, 2024

Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals

Navigating the Sponsored Funding Process

January 12, 2024 | 9:00 - 10:15 am

How does sponsored funding work at the University?

Consider this session part two of Intro to Sponsored Projects. We will focus on the mechanisms and processes for sponsored projects and programs: preparing a budget, understanding fund buckets, and post-award administration.

Join us on Zoom. | Registration is requested.

Proposal Writing Retreats

January 11-12, 2024 | 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is pleased to bring back the Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals seminar. This workshop is designed for faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and community members who conduct clinical and translational or health equity research.

Registration is $300. Registration ends 11:59 p.m. on December 20, 2023.

Select dates through AY 23-24

We are excited to pilot a series of writing retreats for faculty and researchers to work on one funding proposal, with structured support from the Research Team. Individual retreats for 1:1 proposal development range from 2-4 days. One group retreat will offer 1:1 work and cohort peer review (5 days).

View the schedule and sign up here.

Participation and availability is first come, first served.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESEARCH NEWS

Announcing the Research and Innovation Office
The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) has officially changed its name to the Research and Innovation Office (RIO). This new name better reflects the functions and services of our teams and the University's broader research and commercialization enterprise. View the full announcement from Shashank Priya, Vice President for Research and Innovation.

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

New Research Resources Webpage for CDes
We are excited to share the new Research Resources webpage! Find information about upcoming training and events, preparing a proposal, and who to contact for research and creative scholarship initiatives.

This new page replaces the research resources pages that used to be housed on the CDes Intranet.
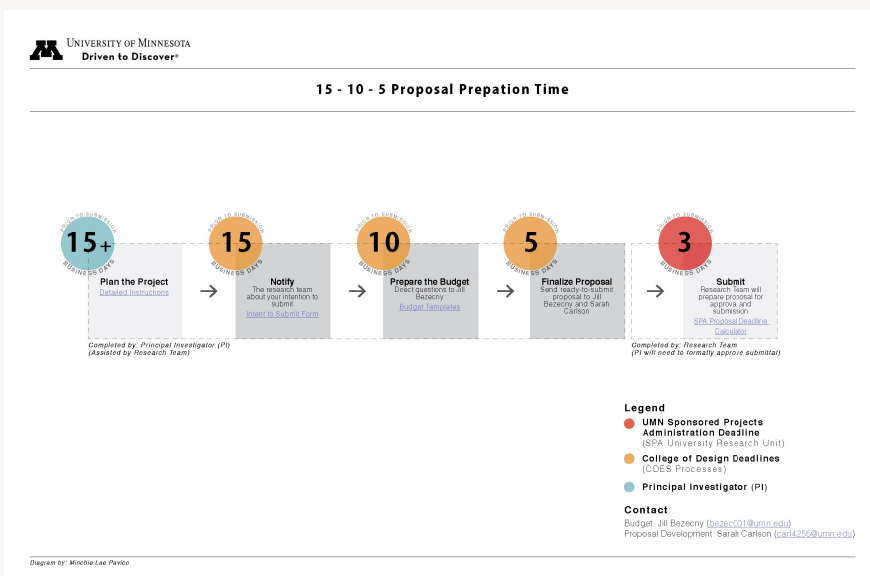
Missed a Workshop? Resources are Available.
Download or view slides, recordings, and resource guides from previous workshops:
- Finding Funding: Strategies for grant seekers (September 8)
- Proposal Development Basics (September 22)
- Intro to Sponsored Project (December 8)

Proposal Development Timeline
15-10-5...Submit! Many grant proposals must be reviewed and approved by the college and university before they are submitted to the sponsor. We encourage researchers to follow this timeline as they develop proposals.

University of Minnesota Washington Updates
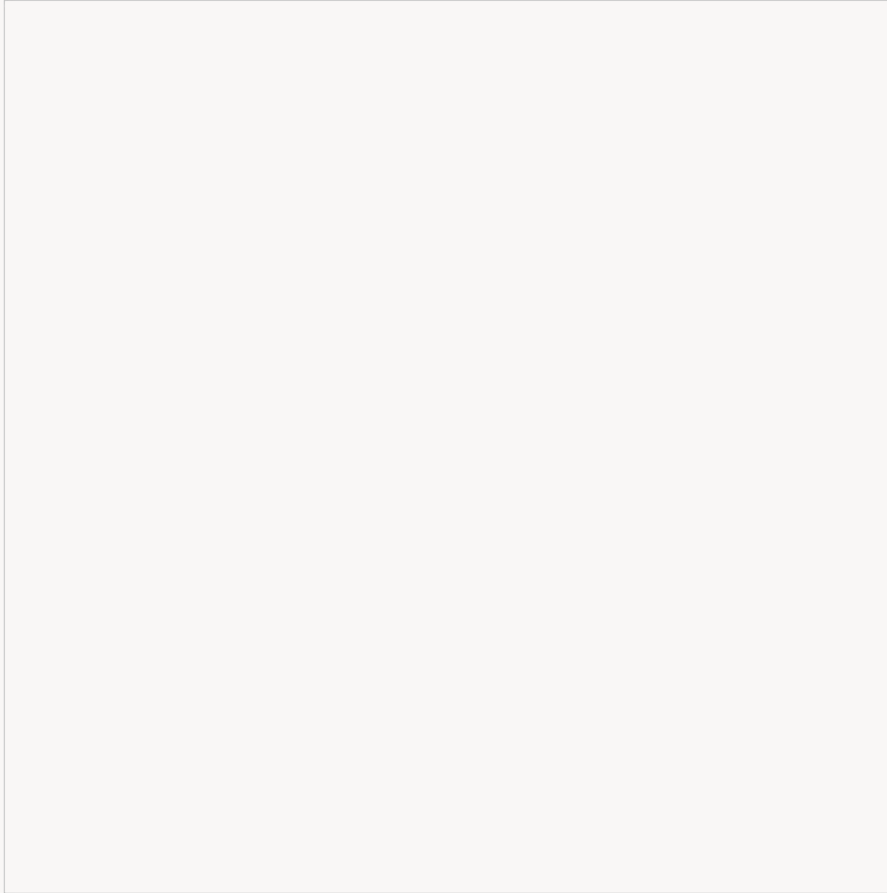
Highlights from the Latest UMN Washington Updates, prepared by Lewis-Burke LLC. An archive of previous updates is available on the RIO website.

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23-24 Research, Creative Scholarship and Engagement Calendar