RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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

January 2024

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 February 12!

Imagine Fund: Faculty Research Grants

The College of Design invites proposals for the Imagine Fund Annual Faculty Research Grants program.

This year, CDes will distribute 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.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, January 29 at 11:59 pm.

Apply for Imagine by January 29!

FUNDING

Student Opportunities

INTERNAL

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

February 1 | Various scholarships through the Landscape Architecture Foundation.

February 1 | Society for Manufacturing Engineers Scholarships. Various scholarships for students pursuing a degree in manufacturing, engineering or related discipline.

February 5 | MN Historical Society Legacy Research Fellowships. $3,500 fellowships are for scholars who are engaged in Minnesota-related research/scholarship that draws on Gale...
Family Library resources and collections, and that adds to the body of knowledge and interpretation of Minnesota’s history (pre- and post-statehood) and culture.

**February 14 | ASID Student Portfolio Competition**, $6,000 scholarship for competition winners. Competition generates the best collection of student design projects in the nation, showcasing exceptional thought, innovation, and creativity. Submissions are evaluated on concept, content, context, and execution.

**February 15 | Plant Humanities Summer Program** (Dumbarton Oaks).

**March 31 | International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA) Scholarships**. Various scholarships open to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students.

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

### VARIOUS DEADLINES

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

### INTERNAL CDES

**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, bremer006@umn.edu.

### INTERNAL UMN

**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.

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

### 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.

**February 1** | **NEW** YouthBuild. Supports pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to opportunity youth, ages 16 to 24, while performing meaningful work and service to their communities.

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February 12 | *NEW* Science of Science: Discovery, Communication and Impact (NSF). To increase the public value of scientific activity, this program supports basic research in three fundamental areas: (1) How to increase the rate of socially beneficial discovery; (2) How to improve science communication outcomes; and (3) How to expand the societal benefits of scientific activity.

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 21 | *NEW* EPA People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Student Design Competition. Up to $75,000 for two years. Competitive program that provides teams of undergraduate and graduate students, led by a faculty mentor, to gain invaluable experience through classroom learning, laboratory and field work to address environmental issues.

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.

February 27 | *NEW* Partners for Places. $180,000 to enhance local capacity to build equitable and sustainable communities in the United States and Canada.


March 25 | 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.

April 8 | *NEW* Responsible Design, Development, and Deployment of Technologies (ReDDDoT, NSF). Wide range of funding ($300,000 - $1,500,000) to support research, implementation and education projects involving multi-sector teams that focus on the responsible design, development or deployment of technologies.

April 17 | *NEW* Fellowships for Digital Publication (NEH). $60,000 for individual scholars to support interpretive research projects that require digital expression and digital publication. NEH will read drafts. Optional draft deadline is February 28.

**CURATED LIST OF FUNDING FOR CDES >**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING RESOURCES**

[Private Foundation Opportunities](#)  [Industry Funding and Partnerships](#)  [Subscription Funding Databases](#)

**EVENTS**

**Mini-Webinar: Technology Commercialization 101**
In this mini-webinar, you will be introduced to the UMN Tech Comm office and learn about what we do well and how to effectively work with us. This event was designed with researchers who are new to technology commercialization in mind, but it is open to anyone at any stage of their career who is interested in learning more.

January 24 from 11:00 - 11:30 am | Online
[Register here.](#)

**IonE Introduction to Systems Thinking Workshop**
What is Systems Thinking? It is a skill that helps leaders and organizations examine and simplify complexity, recognize patterns, and create effective solutions to challenges.

Join the Institute on the Environment (IonE) to learn more!

January 25 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Hybrid (Zoom and 1954 Buford Ave). Please register.

**Funding through Foundations**
Bring your ideas and leave with a plan to fund them.
Experts from U of M Foundations and our CDes Advancement team will provide tips and strategies on how to identify the best foundations to fund your research, project, or program and how to write a compelling proposal.

February 2 from 9:00 - 10:15 am

Join us on Zoom. Registration is requested.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)
- Navigating the Sponsored Funding Process (January 12)

Proposal Development Steps
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.

File an Intent to Submit to get started.

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.

Contact Us
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23-24 Research, Creative Scholarship and Engagement Calendar