April 2020

Announcements and Resources Related to COVID-19

Navigating community-based activities during the COVID-19 health emergency

The University’s Office for Public Engagement in consultation with the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost and the Center for Community-Engaged Learning has created a COVID-19 and Community-Based Activities webpage containing recommendations and resources to help community-engaged students, faculty, and staff to help navigate community-based research and field-based educational activities during the current pandemic.

U of M PHDR offers list of resources in response to COVID-19

The University’s Program in Health Disparities Research has developed a list of resources in a variety of formats for community members in response to the COVID-19 health emergency. Program staff are actively building the resources list and request information on additional resources be emailed to phdr@umn.edu.

U of M SPH launches Health in All Matters podcast

The University’s School of Public Health has launched Health in all Matters, a weekly podcast focused on the many issues COVID-19 brings into question, such as transmission and prevention, life in a pandemic, loneliness and mental health, the medical supply chain, etc. The podcast is hosted by physician and reporter Michael Joyce and will include expert voices from University faculty and their colleagues around the world.

U of M Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing offers support via webinars

With a primary focus on health and wellbeing, the University’s Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality &
Healing has unique resources to offer the University and community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Upcoming public webinars include: Pathways to Resilience During Times of Change; Stress Busters: a weekly online free stress reduction/meditation drop in class; Mindfulness and Racial Justice featuring Rhonda Magee (March 24); and 10 Ways to Have Better Conversations featuring Celeste Headlee (April 23)

Other Announcements

**2020 Census Forms Due!**
Visit the University’s [online census directory](#) for instructions on completing the census as well as access to various resources, activities, and initiatives available across the University system to help ensure that everyone is counted in the 2020 census. For information about these resources or how to become involved with the University of Minnesota Systemwide Census Collaborative, contact Andy Furco, Associate Vice President for Public Engagement at [avp-ope@umn.edu](mailto:avp-ope@umn.edu).

**Leveraging Our Community-Engaged Research: Policy Change and Community Development**—Tuesday, April 21
Sponsored by the University's Office for Public Engagement, this live group conversation will explore the pathways for utilizing research to create change. The conversation will feature helpful tips from experienced community engaged researchers and community developers about the processes and infrastructure they have put in place with their community partners to leverage their own research to create change.

**2020 Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents’ Engaged Campus Awards**
Congratulations to the recipients of the University of Minnesota's 2020 Campus Compact Presidents' Engaged Campus awards: U of M management student Helene Zheng (Student Leadership Award); Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Rebecca Ropers and Associate Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Ole Gram (Civic Engagement Leadership Award); Brian Coyle Community Center (Community Partner Award).

**U of M Community-Engaged Scholar Directory**
Browse the University's [Public Engagement's Community-Engaged Scholar Directory](#), which showcases showcases individuals from across the University of Minnesota system whose academic scholarship is having positive impacts on communities across the state and beyond. To be included in the scholar directory, or in the companion [Community-Campus Liaison Directory](#), send an email request to [ope@umn.edu](mailto:ope@umn.edu).

**Featured Community-Engaged Scholar**
Engaged scholars in the College of Design investigate a diverse set of ongoing and emerging societal issues, and enact solutions to real-world problems. Learn about the impactful publicly-
engaged scholarship of Associate Professor Eugene Park in the University's Community-Engaged Scholar Directory.

Award Opportunities

**U of M Graduate School Best Dissertation Award Program** — **Deadline: Friday, April 10**

Each year the University's Graduate School recognizes the top recent PhD graduates by presenting Best Dissertation Awards. Current and former students who will have been awarded a PhD, or who will have successfully defended and officially submitted their dissertations to the Graduate Student Services and Progress office between July 1, 2018 and April 12, 2020, are eligible.

**U of M Faculty and Academic Affairs Distinguished Teaching Awards**

The University's Faculty and Academic Affairs seeks nominations for two Distinguished Teaching awards: the Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education, and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education.

**U of M Events**

*Due to the fluid nature of event cancellations related to COVID-19, visit the University of Minnesota Events Calendar for up-to-date information on all University-sponsored events.*

Call for Applications

**Campus Compact Social Changemaker Challenge** — **Deadline: Monday, April 27**

Iowa and Minnesota Campus Compact are excited to announce the 2020 Social Changemaker Challenge, funded by Principal. The Challenge is open to current college students in business or related majors interested in using emerging business skills to address complex social problems.

**U of M CTSI Community Health Connections funding** — **Deadline: Ongoing**

The University's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for Community Health Connections, which offers funding to identify community needs and generate ideas and opportunities to promote collaborative efforts to improve community health.

**U of M CTSI The 'U' is for You** — **Deadline: Ongoing**

The University's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for The 'U' is for You, which offers funding to foster University-community research engagement and mutual learning to address community-identified needs for capacity building in areas such as project set-up, relationship building, research ethics, and community research roles.

Call for Papers/Conference Proposals

*The International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change*—
Deadline: Ongoing
The *International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change* (IARSLCE) seeks papers by undergraduate students that address service-learning projects and experiences.

**a2ru Annual Meeting**—Deadline: Wednesday, April 15
The Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru) seeks proposals for the 2020 a2ru national conference, *Land and Equity: The Art and Politics of Place*, to be held at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, October 15-17, 2020.

**CTS Transportation Research Conference**—Deadline: Monday, April 27
The University's Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) seeks abstracts for innovative research, implementation, or engagement activity to be presented at the 2020 CTS Transportation Research Conference on November 5.

**Engagement Scholarship Consortium Research/Creative Activities Grants**—Deadline: Friday, May 15
The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) seeks applications for its Research/Creative Activities Grants. ESC member Institutions may apply for up to $5,000 to fund a one-year project. Collaborative projects among faculty from more than one discipline and/or at more than one university are encouraged.

**Fulbright Fellowship**—Deadline: Wednesday, August 26
The Fulbright U.S. Student Program seeks applications for the 2020-21 Fulbright Fellowship. The purpose of the Fulbright program is to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

**Opportunities**

**U of M SPH Summer Public Health Institute**
The University's School of Public Health Summer Public Health Institute offers courses for students and practicing professionals in public health and related fields. Participants can build or expand their professional expertise, learn best practices, broaden career options, network with other professionals, or explore a new area of interest.

**Campus Compact Virtual Gathering**
The Compact20 Virtual Gathering will take place May 11-13 and offer a compact, online-only conference over three days—providing free, accessible opportunities for learning, networking, and pursuing our ongoing commitments.

**U of Michigan Detroit URC study seeks CBPR partnerships**
The University of Michigan's Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center seeks long-standing
community-based participatory research partnerships to participate in a survey questionnaire to better understand CBPR partnership success. Participation will contribute to the federally funded Measurement Approaches to Partnership Success (MAPS) study.

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