Engagement Spotlight

U of M RSDP seeks proposals for community projects

The University of Minnesota Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) seeks proposals from Greater Minnesota residents with an idea in agriculture and food systems, clean energy, natural resources, and resilient communities. RSDP supports local innovation by connecting community ideas to University of Minnesota knowledge and seed funding. Community members work on diverse project teams that research, design and plan local sustainability projects with University students, faculty and staff.

Featured Community-Engaged Scholar

Engaged scholars Kells, Ishii recognized at U of M Promotion and Tenure Reception

College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences Professor Steven Kells and Associate Professor Stoshi Ishii were recognized at the University of Minnesota's 2019 Promotion and Tenure Reception. View their profiles and find other engaged scholars at the University of Minnesota by using the Community-Engaged Scholar Directory.

Announcements

U of M OPE Community-Engaged Scholar Awards — Deadline: Friday, February 21

The Office for Public Engagement and Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs seek nominations for the 2020 University of Minnesota Community-Engaged Scholar Awards. These annual, systemwide awards recognize faculty or academic professional and administrative employees for exemplary community-engaged scholarship in their respective field(s) of inquiry.

U of M OPE named coordinator for nationally recognized Engagement Academy — June 1-4, 2020
The University’s Office for Public Engagement is the new lead coordinator for the nationally recognized Engagement Academy for University Leaders, an in-depth professional development seminar for executives and teams responsible for developing institutional capacity for community engagement. Since its inception in 2008, more than 700 university leaders from around the world have attended the academy.

**U of M OPE seeks proposals for Urban, Suburban, Rural Engagement Conference**—**Deadline: Friday, January 17, 2020**
The University’s Office for Public Engagement seeks proposals for its biennial system-wide conference, set for Thursday March 5, 2020 at Coffman Memorial Union. This year’s conference, "Partnering with Minnesota: Connecting the University with Urban, Suburban, and Rural Communities through Public Engagement," will examine the role of public engagement in addressing challenging issues in Minnesota and beyond.

**U of M Promotion and Tenure Dossier Review for Community-Engaged Scholarship Info meeting**—**Thursday, February 20**
Faculty who conduct community-engaged research and/or teaching and who are approaching the promotion and tenure process in the coming months are invited to attend an information session about the University's Review Committee on Community-Engaged Scholarship.

**U of M 2020 Engaged Scholar Promotion and Tenure Workshops**—**Deadline: Friday, January 24**
The University's Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs and the Office for Public Engagement will offer the annual three-part Engaged Scholar workshop series designed to provide community-engaged scholars with practical strategies for making their best case in the promotion and tenure process.

**U of M CTSI appoints Anne Snowden**
Anne Snowden has joined the University's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Community Engagement to Advance Research and Community Health (CEARCH) office as assistant director for community-engaged research programs. Snowden also serves as chair of the steering committee for the Minnesota Cancer Alliance and brings extensive experience in community stakeholder engagement and healthcare disparities to the CEARCH team.

**Award Opportunities**

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Campus Compact Presidents' Engaged Campus Awards — Deadline: Monday, February 24

Campus Compact 2020 Presidents' Engaged Campus Awards recognize, celebrate, and tell the story of great individuals, projects, and programs in both Iowa and Minnesota. Through the presidents’ awards categories every campus has the opportunity to recognize students, faculty and staff, and partners leading the way in their campus community. This year's awards include new award categories to showcase innovation, collaboration, employer partnerships, and civic-minded alumni.

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

Each year the Graduate School recognizes the University's top recent Ph.D. graduates by presenting 'best dissertation' awards. Current and former students who will have been awarded the Ph.D., or who will have successfully defended and officially submitted their dissertations to the Graduate Student Services & Progress office, between July 1, 2018, and April 12, 2020, will be eligible to be nominated.

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.

Campus Compact Presidents' Engaged Campus Awards—Deadline: Monday, February 24

Iowa and Minnesota Campus Compact seek nominations for the 2020 Presidents’ Engaged Campus Awards. This year, the organization will offer four new award categories to showcase innovation, collaboration, employer partnerships, and civic-minded alumni.

U of M Events

- Jan. 14 CTSI Write Winning NIH Grant Proposals
- Jan. 16 IonE Speaking Science Conference
- Jan. 22 Wafaa Bilal: Library as a Social Sculpture
- Jan. 24 Water Resources Assembly and Research Symposium
- Feb. 4 Power and Privilege Series: An Evening with Robin Diangelo
- Feb. 13 IAS Thursdays
- Feb. 28 GPS Alliance: Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus Conference: Leap Into Global Learning
- March 5 OPE Biennial Conference
- March 5 IAS Thursdays
- April 10 Democracy under Threat in Times of Populism and Racial Nationalism Interdisciplinary Conference
Other Events

- March 29-April 1 Campus Compact 2020 National Conference
- April 24 Coptic Canadian History Project Conference: Middle Eastern Migrants in Transnational Perspectives
- May 7-9 Language and Migration: Experience and Memory
- June 3-6 NASPA Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting
- June 5-7 East Side Freedom Library Conference of Activist Scholars
- June 22-24 Community Engagement Professional Retreat

Featured Resource

Access online U of M Coursera offerings at no charge

Coursera for Minnesota provides Twin Cities faculty, staff, and students free access to more than 40 Coursera online courses and specializations developed by University instructors in such wide-ranging areas as creative problem solving to resilience in children exposed to trauma. Staff at the University's Center for Educational Innovation are available to help Twin Cities faculty and instructors determine how to best incorporate a course into their on-campus courses and programs. Contact Bob Rubinyi for details.

Call for Applications

U of M CTSI CSEARCH Child Health Collaborative Grant Award — Deadline: Friday, January 17

The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute seeks applications for the Child Health Collaborative Grant Award, which supports collaborative research that addresses important, unmet child health issues in Minnesota by developing and translating innovative, evidence-based health improvement strategies.

American Bar Foundation Doctoral Fellowships Program in Law and Inequality — Deadline: Monday, January 20

The American Bar Foundation Doctoral Fellowships Program in Law and Inequality seeks applications for original and significant empirical and interdisciplinary research on the study of law and inequality.

U of M Driven to Discover Research Facility — Deadline: Tuesday, January 21

The University's Driven to Discover Research Facility brings University research and researchers into closer contact with the Minnesota community. D2D allows researchers to reach a more diverse pool of participants and meet recruitment goals in a matter of hours or days.

U of M MTAP Student Consulting Projects — Deadline: Wednesday, January 29

The University's Office for Business & Community Economic Development is accepting applications for Management & Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) consulting opportunities. MTAP improves the quality of life in Minnesota’s urban communities by enhancing the overall performance of community-based nonprofit organizations and small businesses providing services to underserved communities and
populations.

**U of M Office for Business and Community Economic Development Community Health Initiative** — **Deadline: Wednesday, January 29**
The University's Office for Business and Community Economic Development seeks applicants for its Community Health Initiative consulting opportunities. The projects provide students with valuable applied learning experiences by linking them to opportunities in communities that face public health disparities and other socio-economic issues.

**U of M IAS 5x5—Deadline: Friday, January 31**
The University's Institute for Advanced Study 5x5 Initiative brings together small groups from differing disciplinary backgrounds and positions in the University and off-campus communities for a low-stakes, short-term exploration of about five gatherings over several months.

**U of M IAS Research and Creative Collaboratives** — **Deadline: Friday, January 31**
The University's Institute for Advanced Study seeks applications for the Research and Creative Collaboratives, which aim to promote synergistic interdisciplinary activity transcending departmental structures.

**U of M PHDR Health Disparities Pilot Grants** — **Deadline: Sunday, February 9**
The University's Program in Health Disparities Research seeks applications for Pilot Grants in Health Disparities Research. These grants are designed to encourage community-initiated research and foster sustainable long-term collaboration between community-based organizations and academic researchers on research projects focused on reducing and eliminating health disparities.

**U of M Consortium on Law and Values Consortium Research Awards** — **Deadline: Friday, February 10**
The University’s Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences seeks applications from graduate and professional students for research and writing on the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences.

**U of M Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship** — **Deadline: Wednesday, February 26**
The University's Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship gives the University's most accomplished Ph.D. candidates an opportunity to devote full-time effort to an outstanding research project by providing time to finalize and write a dissertation during the fellowship year.

**U of M Resilient Communities Project (RCP) partnerships**
The University of Minnesota’s Resilient Communities Project (RCP) is now accepting proposals from cities, counties, tribal governments, special districts, and regional government agencies or collaboratives in Minnesota for both Large-Scale and Small-Scale RCP Partnerships for the 2020–2021 academic year.
Proposals for Large-Scale partnerships (10–25 projects) are due March 2, 2020. Proposals for Small-Scale partnerships (1–5 projects) are accepted on a rolling basis.

**U of M CTSI Community Health Connections funding**

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**

The University's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for The 'U' is for You, which offers funding to foster community/university 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**

*Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning* — **Deadline: Wednesday, January 15**

The *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning* seeks proposals for a special issue with the theme "Centering Social Justice in the Scholarship of Community Engagement, due Jan. 15."

*Coptic Canadian History Project Conference: Middle Eastern Migrants in Transnational Perspectives* — **Deadline: Friday, January 24**

The Middle East Studies Association of North America seeks proposals for the Coptic Canadian History Project Conference that address the theme "Victim, Symbol, or Actor? Middle Eastern Migrants in Transnational Perspectives."

*NASPA Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting* — **Deadline: Friday, January 31**

The American Democracy Project and National Association of Student Personnel Administrators seek proposals for their annual conference, which brings together faculty, student affairs professionals, senior campus administrators, students, and community partners.

**Call for Papers: International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change** — **Deadline: Ongoing**

The *International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change* seeks papers by undergraduate students that address service-learning projects and experiences.

**Opportunities**

**MNCC seeks director of member engagement and Minnesota operations**

Minnesota Campus Compact seeks applications for the position of director of member engagement and Minnesota operations. The director is responsible for leading membership services across a two-state
collaboration and operations of the Minnesota office.

**Imagining America seeks associate director of membership**

Imagining America (IA) seeks applications for the position of associate director of membership. IA strengthens and promotes public scholarship, cultural organizing, and campus change that inspires collective imagination, knowledge-making, and civic action on pressing public issues.

**City of Minneapolis Mayoral Fellowship Program**

The City of Minneapolis Office of the Mayor seeks applicants for part-time paid fellowships available for undergraduate and graduate students.

**Hennepin County Adult Mental Health Advisory Council**

The Hennepin County Adult Mental Health Advisory Council seeks volunteers for the advisory council. Volunteers advocate on behalf of people with mental illnesses and advise county leadership on policy, programs and services.

**U of M Carlson Global Institute**

The University's Carlson Global Institute offers immersive educational experiences, strategic cross-cultural partnerships, and informative research. The Institute connects the Carlson School of Management to the international business community and shapes leaders ready to confront global challenges.

**MDH Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council**

The Minnesota Department of Health Communities Leadership Council seeks applicants for council members who represent University of Minnesota expertise on health equity issues.

**U of M SPH Health Equity Journal Club**

The University's School of Public Health Health Equity Journal Club is an interactive forum open to faculty, staff, students, and advanced trainees interested in current health equity research.

**IJRSLCE seeks journal reviewers**

*The International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement* seeks peer reviewers of manuscripts submitted for consideration in the online journal. Interested individuals should send their CV to co-editors, Glenn Bowen and Clayton Hurd.

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