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Engagement Spotlight

School of Statistics students become superhero volunteers
The University of Minnesota's student-run and student-funded Statistics in the Community (STATCOM) provides free consulting services for community groups looking for help with statistical analysis. Working with a range of clients—from the Nice Ride Minnesota bike sharing service to Compassionate Action for Animals advocacy group—STATCOM volunteers have used numbers to help non-profits advance their work. Learn more.

Announcements

Meeting Society's Grand Challenges through Community-Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning: Call for Proposals (Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2016)
The University's Office for Public Engagement seeks proposals from faculty, students and community partners for a systemwide conference on March 31, 2016 on the role public engagement plays in addressing societal challenges on a local, regional, national or global scale. Registration information coming soon. The proposal deadline has been extended to 5 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2016.
‘One River, Many Stories’ launches with $47K from Knight Foundation
The Knight Foundation Fund has awarded a $47,150 grant to the University of Minnesota, Duluth to launch “One River, Many Stories,” a collaborative community journalism project focused on stories of the St. Louis River and its neighboring communities.

Urban Scrubs provides educational pathways
Urban Scrubs camp provides Minneapolis students from low-income neighborhoods with a summer program for promoting health professions and education. Formed by the Cedar-Riverside Partnership in 2010, the camp is backed by the Central Corridor Anchor Partnership and Healthforce Minnesota, and has been hosted by Augsburg College, Saint Paul College, St. Catherine University and University of Minnesota Medical Center.

UROC's VISTA profiled in national blog
University of Minnesota AmeriCorp VISTA Yvonne Mudoh and her work with Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center's Trauma Recovery Project is featured in the latest issue of the College Health Corps/Minnesota Campus Compact newsletter.

Great Lakes Education Philanthropy expands internship grants
Proven to increase graduation rates, Great Lakes Education Philanthropy's Career Ready Internship Grants offer students meaningful work experience in their fields of study.

UMM Office of Community Engagement celebrates completion of public mural
The University of Minnesota, Morris Office of Community Engagement celebrates the completion of one of its largest service-learning projects to date—the Pomme de Terre Food Co-op mural.

Call for Grant Applications

U of M Engaged Department Grant Program: Request for Proposals (Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2015)
The University's Engaged Department Grant Program offers competitive grants of up to $7,500 to academic departments interested in deepening community engagement in their research and/or teaching activities.

U of M Events

- Dec. 10 College Readiness and Achievement Gap (CRAG) Talk
- Dec. 18 CHANCE Holiday Celebration
- Jan. 5 Write Winning Grant Proposals Grant Writers’ Seminar
- Jan. 15 CHANCE Workshop: Cedar-Riverside Development
- Jan. 28 College Readiness and Achievement Gap (CRAG) Talk
- Feb. 2 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable
- Feb. 19 CHANCE Workshop: Healthcare
- March 1 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable
- March 3 College Readiness and Achievement Gap (CRAG) Talk
- March 18 CHANCE Workshop: Immigrant Women
- March 31 Meeting Society's Grand Challenges Through Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning
- April 5 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable
- April 15 CHANCE End-of-Year Celebration
- May 3 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable

Other Events

- Dec. 16 National Corporation for Community Service (CNCS) Research Summit
- Feb. 23 Webinar: Re-Imagining the Engaged Campus
Featured Resource

Assessing Civic Competency and Engagement in Higher Education
This research report examines civic learning and its implementation in higher education. The authors use an assessment framework to highlight current practices and make recommendations for improvement.

Call for Award Nominations

2016 President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award (Deadline: January 22, 2016)
This annual, systemwide award recognizes one faculty member or one academic professional and administrative employee for exemplary community-engaged scholarship in his or her field of inquiry. Each college on the Twin Cities campus and the campuses of Crookston, Duluth, Morris, and Rochester may select one individual to serve as the unit's Community-Engaged Scholar Award Collegiate/Campus Recipient.

Call for Papers/Publication Proposals

Meeting Society's Grand Challenges through Community-Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning: Call for Proposals (Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2015)
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Indigenous Women and Women of Color Student Summit: Call for Proposals (Deadline: December 15, 2015)
This University of Minnesota Women's Center summit will expand upon past conference themes, and provide an opportunity for attendees to examine these ideas in the context of leadership, confidence, and cultural strength.

Community Psychology in Global Perspective: Call for Submissions (Deadline: January 15, 2016)
Community Psychology in Global Perspective seeks proposals for a on Structural Violence and Community-based Research and Action.

Annual Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting (Deadline: February 1, 2016)
The Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education seeks program proposals on the topic of civic learning in and out of the classroom for its Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement meeting June 2-4, 2016.

U of M Consortium on Law and Values: Call for Proposals (Deadline: February 15, 2016)
The University's Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment and the Life Sciences seeks proposals addressing the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences to graduate and professional students for work during summer 2016 and the academic year 2016-17.
Call for Proposals: Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit (Deadline: February 16, 2016)
Iowa Campus Compact, Minnesota Campus Compact, and Wisconsin Campus Compact seek session proposals related to this year’s Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit theme: Beyond Service: Education, Research, and Work for a Just World.

Call for Papers: The Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement (Deadline: Ongoing)
The Journal for Higher Education Outreach and Engagement highlights innovative endeavors, emerging issues, and reports on impact in the areas of public service, outreach, engaged research, public scholarship, service-learning, and community service.

Opportunities

IonE’s Acara offers Social Venture Launchpad course
The University's Institute on the Environment's Acara program offers an intensive one-week course on how to turn an idea into a viable social business model. The goal of the class is to work on technologies or ideas that address a grand challenge in a financially self-sustaining manner.

Minnesota Campus Compact seeks coordinator
Minnesota Campus Compact seeks a part-time, limited duration events and administrative coordinator to provide support for our upcoming events and operations this winter.

Missouri Campus Compact seeks manuscript reviewer
Missouri Campus Compact seeks a manuscript reviewer for its Journal of Public Scholarship in Higher Education.

Ethical global engagement research fellow opportunity
In cooperation with the Better Volunteering Better Care Network and the Working Group on Global Activities by Students at Pre-Health Levels, globalsl.org seeks a part-time volunteer fellow to map existing ethical global engagement and learning strategies in U.S. high schools.

Awards/Grants

U of M Graduate School offers Thesis Research Travel Grants.
The University's Graduate School offers grants of up to $2,500 for domestic research and up to $5,000 for international research to students who have completed a minimum of one academic year of graduate work. Travel must be completed by December 31, 2016.

The Office for Public Engagement is a unit of the University of Minnesota Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.