Engagement Spotlight

**CURA provides neighborhoods with tenant advocacy**

The University's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) provides local communities with technical and analytical assistance to foster a partnership between neighborhoods, non-profits and government organizations that improves education, economic equality and sustainability in the area. Recently, CURA worked with the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization to develop a tenant-advocacy campaign that calls for fair apportionment of utilities and more accountability for landlords.

**Announcements**

**Meeting Society's Grand Challenges through Community-Engaged Research. Teaching and Learning conference—registration now open**

Registration is now open for Meeting Society's Grand Challenges Through Community-Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning, a University of Minnesota systemwide conference focusing on the role of public engagement in meeting society's most pressing challenges. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2016 at the Commons Hotel on the University's Minneapolis campus. The day-long conference follows the University's annual Public Engagement Leaders Retreat, a professional development event taking place on Wednesday, March 30, for directors and managers of University public engagement programs and initiatives.

**Open Rivers promotes diverse dialogue around the Mississippi**

Open Rivers: Rethinking the Mississippi is a new journal produced by the University's River Life program that focuses on issues, ideas, and trends that inform how people think about the future of the Mississippi River, its watershed, and the communities that depend on it.

**CERTs awards grants to clean energy projects across Minnesota**

The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT) awarded 39 grants to seven Minnesota CERT regions for projects in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

**HFHL Institute named organizational host of Minnesota Food Charter Network**

The University's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute will serve as the organizational host for the Minnesota Food Charter Network, charged with implementing statewide strategies and building capacity through Network Action Teams.
MLK Community Service Pledge Drive kicks off
The University's MLK Community Service Pledge Drive kicked off Monday, January 18. The drive honors the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through the commitment of faculty, staff, students and retirees to pledge and conduct community service during the spring semester.

Call for Grant Applications

Pathways to Research Program (PReP) seeks applications (Deadline: February 5, 2016)
The University's Pathways to Research Program provides University undergraduate students with knowledge, skills, and experience in translational science and health equity research. Up to ten students from underrepresented populations will receive a stipend of approximately $424 per week.

Advanced Pathways to Research Program (A-PReP) seeks applications (Deadline: February 5, 2016)
The University's Advanced Pathways to Research Program provides research training to professional health sciences students with interest in clinical or translational research. Up to ten students will receive a stipend of approximately $560 per week.

Walter H. Judd International Graduate and Professional Fellowship (Deadline: February 10, 2016)
The Walter H. Judd International Graduate and Professional Fellowships provide assistance to students enrolled in master's and professional degree programs to study, undertake internships, and conduct research projects abroad.

Consortium on Law and Values funding opportunity (Deadline: February 15, 2016)
The University's Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment and the Life Sciences has issued a call for proposals addressing the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences to graduate and professional students for work during the upcoming summer (2016) and/or academic year (2016/17). A total of $35,000 is available for these grants with a maximum award of $7,000.

Minnesota Futures Grant Program (Deadline: February 22, 2016)
The Minnesota Futures Grant Program, coordinated by the Office of the Vice President for Research, promotes research and scholarship that address societal challenges by fostering opportunities for researchers to advance new ideas and cross disciplinary boundaries.

Pilot Grants in Health Disparities Research (Deadline: February 26, 2016)
The University's Program in Health Disparities Research announces the 2016 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.

MN LEND Fellowship seeks applications (Deadline: February 29, 2016)
The University's Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (MN LEND) is seeking graduate students and community members interested in becoming MN LEND Fellows. MN LEND is a stipend-based training program designed to support individuals to be leaders in the field of autism and related neurodevelopmental disabilities.

2016 Graduate Research Internship (Deadline: March 22, 2016)
The University's Graduate Research Internships supports summer research-based internships in industry, non-profit, and government sectors. Successful applicants will be awarded a summer stipend and additional benefits.

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.

U of M Events
**Feb. 4** [EAT: Entrepreneurs at the Table: Growing the Food Innovation Network in MN](#)
**Feb. 11** [Supporting Entrepreneurship-Driven Economic Development in Minnesota](#)
**Feb. 18** [Engaged Scholar Promotion and Tenure Workshop: Community Engaged Scholarship in Promotion and Tenure](#)
**Feb. 19** [CHANCE Workshop: Healthcare](#)
**Feb. 25** [Engaged Scholar Promotion and Tenure Workshop: Documenting Engaged Scholarship](#)
**March 1** [Critical Community Engagement Roundtable](#)
**March 3** [Engaged Scholar Promotion and Tenure Workshop: Preparing Your Dossier](#)
**March 18** [CHANCE Workshop: Immigrant Women](#)
**March 30** [Public Engagement Leaders Retreat](#)
**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](#)
**June 20-21** [Educational Equity in Action](#)

**Other Events**

- **Feb. 5** [Making Ends Meet: How Should We Spread Prosperity and Improve Opportunity?](#)
- **Feb. 9** [Minnesota Farmers’ Market Academy](#)
- **Feb. 10** [Minnesota Farmers’ Market Academy](#)
- **Feb. 23** [Webinar: Re-Imagining the Engaged Campus](#)
- **Feb. 26** [Community Engagement Practitioner Gathering](#)
- **Feb. 27** [Governor's Water Summit](#)
- **March 2** [Solar Power Hour](#)
- **March 9** [Solar Power Hour](#)
- **March 15** [Webinar: External Reviews of Civic Engagement Programs](#)
- **March 21-23** [Campus Compact 30th Anniversary Conference](#)
- **March 30-April 2** [NYLC National Service-Learning Conference](#)
- **April 7** [MNCC Annual Summit and Awards Ceremony](#)
- **April 7** [Minnesota Campus Compact Annual Summit and Awards Ceremony](#)
- **April 11-15** [Volunteer Management](#)
- **April 18, 2016** [Land Ethic Leadership Seminar](#)
- **April 21** [Webinar: The Impact of Community-University Partnerships on Community Organizations](#)
- **May 11-14** [Community-Campus Partnerships for Health International Conference](#)
- **May 31-June 1** [Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit](#)
- **June 2-4** [ADP/TDC/NASPA Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting](#)
- **July 28-Aug. 1** [SENCER Summer Institute](#)
- **Oct. 6-8** [Imagining America Annual National Conference](#)
- **Oct. 23-25** [CUMU Conference: Charting the Future of Metropolitan Universities](#)

**Featured Resource**

**Community Partner Guide to Campus Collaborations: Enhance Your Community By Becoming a Co-Educator with Colleges and Universities**

This comprehensive guide educates off-campus agencies looking to improve services and enhance communities through campus collaboration. As the need for cooperation between community partners and universities increases, so do the challenges associated with collaboration. This guide outlines the benefits and drawbacks in co-education, and offers guidance for developing an effective and mutually beneficial partnership between campuses and community partners.
Call for Award Nominations

**U of M Outstanding Community Service Awards** (Deadline: February 12, 2016)
The University's Outstanding Community Service Awards recognize faculty, staff, students, and University-affiliated community partners who, by devoting their time, talents, and expertise to serve the public good, have made significant, demonstrable, and direct contributions to society's well-being.

**Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents' Awards** (Deadline: February 22, 2016)
The University's Community-Campus Coordinators Alliance seeks nominations for the 2016 Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents' Awards. The awards honor outstanding achievement in campus-community partnership and provide an opportunity for statewide recognition of outstanding campus-community partnerships.

**Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty** (Deadline: April 8, 2016)
The Ernest A. Lynton award recognizes pre-tenure and early career faculty who connect teaching, research, and service to community engagement.

Call for Papers/Conference Proposals

**Call for Proposals: Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit** (Deadline: February 12, 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 Proposals: U of M Consortium on Law and Values** (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 Manuscripts: Journal of Public Scholarship in Higher Education** (Deadline: March 11, 2016)
*The Journal of Public Scholarship in Higher Education* showcases the new disciplinary knowledge and pedagogical practice generated when faculty, staff, students, and institutions engage with community.

**Call for Proposals: 2016 Engagement Scholarship Consortium** (Deadline: March 15, 2016)
The Engagement Scholarship Consortium seeks presentations or posters addressing research findings, innovative program design and partnership models, proven community/institutional impacts, effective curriculum or service-learning models, collaborative policy development and integration, or successful civic engagement practices.

**Call for Submissions: International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement** (Deadline: April 15, 2016)
*The International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement* invites manuscripts for consideration in the following areas: advances in theory and methodology; student outcomes, K-12; faculty roles and faculty-related issues; institutional issues; community partnerships/impacts; international service-learning and community engagement; and related works in progress.

**Call for Proposals: Charting the Future of Metropolitan Universities** (Deadline: April 25, 2016)
The 2016 Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Annual Conference will focus on the challenges and opportunities of urban and metropolitan universities in student and community life.

**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

**Engaged Scholar Promotion and Tenure Workshops begin February 18**
Join fellow University faculty in a special three-part Engaged Scholar Workshop offering community-engaged scholars strategic and practical approaches for success in the promotion and tenure process.

**RSDP's Local Foods College continues through March 1**
University of Minnesota Extension's Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships' fifth-annual Local Foods College is an interactive distance-learning opportunity for gardeners and farmers interested in community-based food systems. The first session took place on January 12, but registration is still open.

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