Engagement Spotlight

**U of M Resilient Communities Project takes on Grand Challenges**

More than half of all people live in cities, a number expected to rise to 60 percent by 2050, according to the United Nations. The University of Minnesota has recognized the need to focus on cities in its recently released strategic plan detailing the first of a series of grand challenges it aims to address over the next ten years. Among the tools the University is using to deliver on its commitment to metropolitan sustainability is the Resilient Communities Project, an initiative supported by the University’s Institute on the Environment and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs that organizes yearlong partnerships between the University and Minnesota communities, matching hundreds of graduate students to sustainability projects.

Announcements

**Meeting Society's Grand Challenges through Community-Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning: Request for Proposals** *(Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2015)*

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.

**CURA Urban Agriculture Research**

The University's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs has teamed up with the Urban Farm and Garden Alliance to research the effects of urban agriculture as a source of food production and positive community engagement.

**U of M's Co-Lab kicks off annual Innovation Contest**

The University's Co-Lab is hosting its third annual Innovation Contest with the theme *Home 4 U*. Students are encouraged to propose ideas on how to better connect students with each other, the campus and its spaces.
Call for Grant Applications

**U of M Community-Engaged Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellows Program: Call for Applications** *(Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2015)*

Development grants of $1,000 are available to support University instructors in integrating community engagement initiatives into their courses. Technical assistance and other support is available from the University's Center for Community-Engaged Learning (formerly the Community Service-Learning Center).

**U of M Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute Community-University Partnership Grant Program** *(Deadline: November 18, 2015)*

The University's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute seeks proposals and letters of interest related to food, nutrition, and health to fund innovative community-university partnerships.

**U of M Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute Faculty Planning Grant Program** *(Deadline: November 18, 2015)*

The University's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute supports the development of cross-disciplinary research teams related to food, nutrition, and health.

**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**

- Nov. 8-10 Food Access Summit: Networking for Change
- Nov. 10 Critical Conversations: The Raising of America
- Nov. 11 Center for Bioethics: The Ethics of Eldercare
- Nov. 12 Community Engaged Scholarship and Social Justice Action
- Nov. 20 CHANCE Workshop: Cedar-Riverside Safety Issues
- Dec. 1 Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable
- Dec. 18 CHANCE Holiday Celebration
- Jan. 15 CHANCE Workshop: Cedar-Riverside Development
- Feb. 19 CHANCE Workshop: Healthcare
- March 18 CHANCE Workshop: Immigrant Women
- March 31 Meeting Society’s Grand Challenges Through Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning
- April 15 CHANCE End-of-Year Celebration

**Other Events**

- Nov. 14 Lynton Colloquium on the Scholarship of Engagement
- Nov. 16-18 International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement Conference
- Nov. 20 Community Campus Partnerships for Health Regional Forum
- March 21-23 Campus Compact 30th Anniversary Conference
- May 11-14 Community-Campus Partnerships for Health International Conference
- June 2-4 ADP/TDC/NASPA Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting

**Featured Resource**

**AITF Literature Review Series**

The inaugural volume of the Anchor Institutions Task Force Literature Review Series builds on the organization's *Anchor Institutions: An Interpretive Review Essay*, providing summaries of recent writings on
the various dynamics of anchor institutions and their role in communities.

**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**

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.

Call for Proposals: U of Iowa Press Series on Public Engagement (Deadline: Ongoing)

The University of Iowa Press seeks content proposals for a series of books designed to capture significant publicly-engaged arts and humanities collaborations from the perspectives of faculty, students, community members, and organizational partners.

**Opportunities**

Ethical Global Engagement Research Fellow Opportunity

In cooperation with the Better Volunteering Better Care Network and the Working Group on Global Activities by Student 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.

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

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