June 2020

Announcements

**U of M Summer of EngageMNt remote student volunteer opportunities**—June 15 through August 7, 2020

The University of Minnesota’s Summer of EngageMNt initiative provides remote volunteer opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students from across the University's system to take action to respond to present and emerging needs of Minnesota communities impacted by the effects of COVID-19 and the aftermath of George Floyd’s killing. Students will be matched with community partners to work on service activities that address a broad range of societal issues; training will be provided as needed. The initiative is coordinated by the Office for Public Engagement, in collaboration with the Center for Community-Engaged Learning and the University COVID Action Network (U-CAN). Learn more.

**OPE working to connect resources to communities**

University's Office for Public Engagement is working to connect community-based agency requests to University resources, expertise and physical supplies, and equipment. Email ope@umn.edu to connect with an OPE program coordinator will respond to your request via email. Monitor OPE’s Twitter feed for updates on University and community drives and related activities. OPE is also working to hold space and conversation around the recent events.

**Ways to Contribute to Community Healing**

The Office for Public Engagement is compiling a list of organized ways to donate, volunteer, and contribute to community healing in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd. OPE will continue to update the list as opportunities arise.
U of M Carlson School releases NJCT report on solar, modular housing potential for North Minneapolis

MBA students from the University of Minnesota Carlson School’s Carlson Ventures Enterprise (CVE) program have released the results of an opportunity analysis of market conditions for module housing and solar panel assembly in North Minneapolis. Commissioned by the Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center’s Northside Job Creation Team, the report finds that investment in North Minneapolis-based solar opportunities—including solar assembly and installation—could have a substantial job and economic impact.

Information and Resources Related to COVID-19

Matchmaking community and University resources and needs

The University’s Office for Public Engagement’s Making Connections—Making a Difference offers community members and internal stakeholders a way to ask questions and offers ideas about University-community collaborations focused on COVID-19.

U Libraries’ HathiTrust provides emergency access to U of M collection

University Libraries’ HathiTrust Digital Library has opened up in-copyright material in its digital library to member institutions with copies of those items in their physical collections. University faculty, staff, and students can access these materials through the campus library website.

U of M COVID Action Network (U-CAN) seeks volunteers for social distancing e-book

U-CAN is compiling an e-book of resources of various social distancing guidelines and seeks volunteers for content curation, design, and maintenance.

U of M Crookston to host small business webinar series to prepare community businesses for recovery

University of Minnesota Crookston, in partnership with the Northwest Minnesota Small Business Development Center and the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, will kick off a six-part webinar series focused on what the community and businesses can do to prepare for recovery. For more information and to register, click HERE.

U of M CTSI seeks novel solutions for patients and healthcare workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

In response to the need for rapid and targeted innovation, CTSI’s Office of Discovery and Translation is focusing its annual Request for Applications on the COVID-19 crisis and its impacts on the healthcare system.

Volunteer opportunities with U of M U-CAN

The University COVID-19 Action Network (U-CAN) is a coalition of willing faculty, staff, and students that are helping to support COVID-19 response, recovery, and resilience efforts. If your unit or department would like to be connected to this effort and be called upon for certain COVID-19 initiatives, please complete the U-CAN Resource Group form where you can also view the units and groups that are willing
and able to take on the initiatives. UCAN is also seeking volunteers to assist with communications and project management tasks. To volunteer for these current opportunities, please sign up in this spreadsheet and submit a resume to sparc@umn.edu.

Other Announcements

**U of M ICD outreach program educates youth about brain development**
Graduate students in the University's Institute of Child Development are educating young people about brain development and cognition through Growing Brains, a developmental neuroscience outreach program that aims to inspire children and adolescents to value science and to give them a sense of agency in their own development.

**First U of M MTRES Cohort graduates**
The first cohort of students in the University of Minnesota Duluth Master of Tribal Resource and Environmental Stewardship (MTRES) program graduated in spring 2020. Students in MTRES develop knowledge and skills for natural resources careers that help them respond to the needs and aspirations of the community in which they work. University of Minnesota Duluth faculty met with tribal natural resource managers in Minnesota to for input as the program was being developed.

Featured Resources

**AALF releases report on health, healing related to racialized trauma**
Minnesota's African American Leadership Forum has released a new study on health and healing related to racialized trauma titled *A Future of Excellent Emotional Health & Wellbeing Report: Community-Centered Approaches to Advance African American Consciousness and Healing Related to Racialized Trauma*. The information in the report is the result of interviews with African American mental health practitioners who provided insights and suggestions for supporting the mental health of Minnesota's Black community.

**Minneapolis Foundation releases report on teaching, learning during COVID-19**
The Minneapolis Foundation has released *Implementing Principles of Reimagine Minnesota in a Period of Remote Teaching and Learning: Education Equity in the Age of COVID-19*. The report includes University of Minnesota research-based insights for educators, actions for policy makers, and practical tips for parents that could lead to promising approaches in disrupting the status quo in an inequitable education system.

Call for Applications

**U of M CTSI COVID-19 Rapid Response funding — Deadline: Monday, June 15**
The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute seeks proposals intended to identify and fund
early-stage projects in which the primary goal is to develop solutions that address direct or indirect healthcare impacts created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**U of M RCP Partnerships—Deadline: Monday, June 15**
The University's Resilient Communities Project (RCP) seeks proposals from local government agencies in Minnesota to be an RCP partner for the 2020–2021 academic year (September 2020 to August 2021).

**NSF Civic Innovation Challenge—Deadline: Wednesday, July 1**
The National Science Foundation seeks applications for a new national research and action competition. Teams will compete for awards of up to $1 million to support research-based pilot projects that have the potential for scalable, sustainable, and transferable impact on community-identified priorities.

**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.

**SENCER Summer Institute—Deadline: Monday, June 15**
The Science Education for New Engagements and Responsibilities seeks proposals for a virtual conference, which will be held virtually from July 30 to August 2.

**Fulbright Fellowship—Deadline: Wednesday, August 26**
The Fulbright U.S. Student Program seeks applications for the 2020-21 Fulbright Fellowship. The goal 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 Center for Writing Minnesota Writing Project summer camps**

Registration is now open for the University's Minnesota Writing Project summer workshops for grades 4-12. These weeklong, online workshops include five hour-long group sessions with a licensed teacher and daily emails with at least two hours of activities as well as reading or writing extension options.

**U of M IonE's ECOLAB experiential education scholarships**

The University's Institute on the Environment seeks applications from undergraduate students on the Twin Cities campus interested in transformational sustainability experiences are invited to apply for one of three Ecolab-supported opportunities: study abroad experiences; sustainability-related internships; and student-initiated sustainability leadership projects.

**Rural Engagement for Resilient Communities Learning Exchange Forum**

This Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Learning Exchange Forum is a web-based meeting that takes place at 12:00 p.m. EST the third Tuesday of each month.

**Campus Compact Community Engagement Professional Credentialing Program**

Campus Compact seeks applications for training providers for the Community Engagement Professional Credentialing Program. The program seeks to identify, encourage, and publicize relevant training opportunities that align with the program's identified competency areas.

Award Opportunities

**U of M Women's Center Sharon L. Doherty Student Leadership Award** — **Deadline: Friday, June 12**

The University's Women's Center seeks applications for the Sharon L. Doherty Student Leadership Award. The award is given to a University of Minnesota student who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service concerning women's issues on campus or in the broader community.

**U of M Women's Center Changemaker Award** — **Deadline: Friday, June 12**

The University's Women's Center seeks applications for the Changemaker Award. This newly-established award celebrates the work of change agents working to advance gender equity across identities at the University of Minnesota and beyond.

**U of M Women's Center Ada Comstock Distinguished Woman Scholar Award** — **Deadline: Friday, June 12**

The University's Women's Center seeks application for the Ada Comstock Distinguished Woman Scholar Award. This award has been established to acknowledge and honor the scholarly accomplishments of distinguished women faculty at the University of Minnesota and to offer a forum for them to share their insights and ideas with a campus and community audience.
U of M Women's Center Mullen/Spector/Truax Women's Leadership Award—Deadline: Friday, June 12
The University's Women's Center seeks applications for the Mullen/Spector/Truax Leadership award. This award is given annually to a faculty or staff woman at the University who has made outstanding contributions to women’s leadership development.

U of M OED SEED Awards—Deadline: Tuesday, June 30
The Office for Equity and Diversity is now accepting applications for the systemwide 2020 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) Award. The award honors underrepresented undergraduate students who are doing outstanding work to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of Minnesota and in the community.

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
Please visit event webpages for information on alternative meeting methods.

June 10 Mindful Parenting Webinar
June 10 Facilitating Intercultural Learning in Globally Diverse Classrooms
June 12 An Indigenous Perspective of Co-Occurring Disorders
June 15-19 Minnesota Writing Project Summer Camp
June 17 Story Maps 101: Visual Storytelling with Maps
June 22-26 Minnesota Writing Project Summer Camp
Aug. 14 Improving Mental Health Services for Refugee and Immigrant Children and Families

Other Events
June 17 Campus Compact Webinar
July 30-Aug. 2 SENCER Summer Institute
Sept. 15,16 MPHA Annual Conference

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