Announcements

Professor Laura Palombi receives President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award

University of Minnesota, Duluth School of Pharmacy Assistant Professor Laura Palombi is the 2020 recipient of the University of Minnesota President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award, the University's highest award for community-engaged scholarship. The annual Community-Engaged Scholar Award program recognizes up to ten scholars—faculty or professional academic or administrative employees (P&A)—for exemplary community-engaged work in their respective field(s) of inquiry. Learn more about Palombi and the other awardees.

Four Teams awarded CEARCH funds

The University's Office of Community Engagement to Advance Research and Community Health (CEARCH) has awarded four teams Community Health Collaborative Pilot Grants for 2020. This is the tenth year that CEARCH has awarded grants to support research collaborations between the community and University of Minnesota.

Venture Center named Community Builder in 2020 Inno on Fire Awards

The University's Venture Center was named a “Community Builder” in the 2020 Inno on Fire awards. As part of the University’s Technology Commercialization, the Venture Center helps faculty, graduate students, and post-doctoral researchers assess the commercial potential of their ideas, identify funding opportunities, and launch new companies.

U of M Duluth student service project awarded

The University of Minnesota Duluth Seminar Service Project, a student leadership initiative coordinated by
the University’s Kirby Student Center staff, was recently named the 2020 Outstanding Service Project of the Year by the Association of College Unions International (ACUI). The initiative brought together more than 1,200 students, 50 student leaders, and 40 faculty/staff engaged in more than 30 service projects throughout Duluth and the greater Twin Ports region.

**U of M Community-Engaged Scholar Directory**
Browse the University's Public Engagement's Community-Engaged Scholar Directory, which showcases individuals from across the University of Minnesota system whose academic scholarship is having positive impacts on communities across the state and beyond. To be included in the scholar directory, or in the companion Community-Campus Liaison Directory, send an email request to ope@umn.edu.

**Information and Resources Related to COVID-19**

**Strategies for Supporting Community-Engaged Research and Teaching During COVID-19— Through May 26**
Join the Office for Public Engagement’s (OPE) continuing series of virtual discussions on conducting community-engaged research and teaching and supporting community partners during COVID-19. All discussions will take place via Zoom. All University faculty, staff, and students systemwide are invited.

**Matchmaking community and University resources and needs**
The University’s Office for Public Engagement has developed two ways for community members and University personnel to connect to share resources and expertise. 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; Connect with a University Partner helps community members connect with University resources on longer-term projects and topics beyond the current pandemic.

**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.

**WFMN COVID-19 Women and Girls Response Fund — Deadline: Friday, May 8**
The Women’s Foundation of Minnesota seeks grant proposals from organizations and initiatives serving women and girls experiencing gender-based violence and women and girls who need short-term financial support for everyday needs due to the effects of COVID-19.

*Minnesota Daily highlights work of community-engaged scholars during COVID-19*
A Monday, April 27 story in the *Minnesota Daily* features the University's Office for Public Engagement's (OPE) system-wide online conversations and the work of community-engaged scholars and staff during the current health crisis. For more information and to sign up for OPE's [Strategies for Supporting Community-Engaged Research and Teaching During COVID-19 virtual discussions](#), visit the conversation's [registration page](#).

**The Big Coloring Book of Grumpy's and Palmer's**

Coloring Books for a Cause has released the Big Coloring Book of Grumpy’s and Palmer’s with the proceeds benefiting the staff of both bars located in Minneapolis’ Cedar Riverside neighborhoods. The illustrations were made by featured artists, bartenders, or regulars from both establishments.

**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**

**APLU 2020 CECE webinar series**

The Association of Public Land-Grant Universities Commission on Economic and Community Engagement (CECE) is introducing the 2020 CECE Webinar Series “Green Economies and Community Engagement.” This webinar series takes place the second Thursday of every month (May through October).

**Featured Resource**

**2020 Census response rate map for the Twin Cities**

The University’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Community Geographic Information Science team has created a map of Census 2020 return rates in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The maps will be updated regularly through the 2020 collection period.

**Call for Applications**

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The University's Institute for Advanced Study seeks applications for its 5x5 initiative, which brings together small groups of people from differing disciplinary backgrounds and positions in the University and off-campus communities for a low-stakes, short-term exploration. Typically, groups comprise about five people and gather about five times over the course of several months.

The University's Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute seeks applications for the University Faculty Research Grant Program. The program supports new, interdisciplinary faculty research teams. Grants funded through this program must utilize novel and innovative approaches to answer potentially high impact research questions.

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium Faculty seeks applications from member institutions for the Research/Creative Activities grants. Collaborative projects among faculty from more than one discipline and/or at more than one university are encouraged.

Iowa and Minnesota Campus Compact seeks applications for the 2020 Social Changemaker Challenge. Open to current college students in business or related majors interested in using emerging business skills to address complex social problems, the challenge fosters higher education's human capital to create innovative solutions to complex social problems.

The University's Child Health COVID-19 Rapid Response Program seeks proposals for novel studies stemming from COVID-19 that affect child or adolescent health, with research teams including investigators from the University of Minnesota and Children's Minnesota.

Iowa and Minnesota Campus Compact seeks applications for Community of Practice facilitators. Cohorts meet monthly throughout the academic year by web conference to gain new ideas, connections, and knowledge on a topic in the field through conversation and resource-sharing.

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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.

**U of M CTS Transportation Research Conference** — **Deadline: Friday, May 8**
The University's Center for Transportation Studies seeks abstracts for the 2020 Transportation Research Conference. The conference convenes researchers and practitioners from Minnesota and the Upper Midwest to highlight new learning, emerging ideas, and the latest innovations in transportation.

**U of M MITPP Request for Proposals** — **Deadline: Thursday, May 14**
The University's Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center seeks cross-disciplinary and cross-sector proposals for promising lines of research designed to protect Minnesota's natural and agricultural resources.

**Engagement Scholarship Consortium Research/Creative Activities Grants**—**Deadline: Friday, May 15**
The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) seeks applications for its Research/Creative Activities Grants. ESC member Institutions may apply for up to $5,000 to fund a one-year project. Collaborative projects among faculty from more than one discipline and/or at more than one university are encouraged.

**ENGAGE! journal seeks submissions** — **Deadline: Wednesday, May 22**
*ENGAGE!* journal seeks submissions for a new edition with the theme "Peace and Societal
Change." Submissions should focus on: social-emotional learning; anti-racism and racial justice; and restorative practices and community mediation.

**Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions: Cities Taking Action to Address Health, Equity, and Climate Change** — **Deadline: Thursday, May 28**
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks proposals for $3 million in funding opportunities related to cities taking action to address health, equity, and climate change.

**U of M RCP 2020-21 Partnerships** — **Deadline: Monday, June 1**
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.

**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 IonE 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. May's topic is "Planning for Covid-19 Recovery."

**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.

**Campus Compact Virtual Gathering**
The Compact20 Virtual Gathering will take place May 11-13 and offer a compact, online-only conference over three days—providing free, accessible opportunities for learning, networking, and pursuing ongoing commitments.

**U of M UROC seeks Twin Cities photographers for gallery project—Proposal deadline Friday, May 29**
The University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) seeks proposals from qualified Twin Cities-based photographers for the creation of ten large format (16” x 20”) photo portraits honoring UROC’s research-based partnerships with community members.

**U of M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute seeks student instructors — Deadline: Sunday, May 31**
The University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) seeks University of Minnesota graduate students and postdocs for the OLLI Scholar Program.

**Award Opportunities**

**U of M GPS Award for Global Engagement — Deadline: Monday, May 11**
The University's Global Programs and Strategies Alliance seeks applications for the Award for Global Engagement, which is given to faculty and staff members in recognition of outstanding contributions to global education and international programs at the University or in their field or discipline.

**U of M OVPR U-Spatial Mapping Prize — Deadline: Friday, May 15**
The University’s Office of the Vice President for Research seeks applications for the U-Spatial Mapping Prize, which encourages students at the University of Minnesota to make provocative and innovative maps.

**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 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.

- May 7 [Planetary Health: Cross-Cutting Principles for a Healthy Future](#)
- May 8 [Depression and Substance Abuse Webinar](#)
- May 11 [Community-Engaged Teaching Strategies during COVID-19](#)
- May 12 [Online Stress Busters Session](#)
- May 12 [Overlapping Crisis: Substance Use and Criminal Justice Involvement](#)
- May 13 [Supporting Community Partners during COVID-19](#)
- May 13 [Re-imagining your 2020 Career Plans in a COVID World](#)
- May 19 [Online Stress Busters Session](#)
- May 20 [Community-Engaged Research Strategies during COVID-19](#)
- May 21 [Community Health During COVID-19](#)
- May 26 [Community-Engaged Teaching Strategies during COVID-19](#)
- May 26 [Online Stress Busters Sessions](#)

**Other Events**

- May 7 [Building Student Dispositions for Community Engaged Learning](#)
- May 8 [Campus Compact Virtual Discussion](#)
- May 9 [Online Career Conference for PhDs](#)
- May 15 [Campus Compact Virtual Discussion](#)
- May 22 [Campus Compact Virtual Discussion](#)
- July 30-Aug. 2 [SENCER Summer Institute](#)
- Sept. 15-16 [MPHA Annual Conference](#)
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