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Engagement Spotlight

**U of M Students Log More Than 1,000 Summer of EngageMNt Volunteer Hours**

Nearly 300 University of Minnesota students logged more than 1,000 volunteer hours through the Office for Public Engagement's Summer of EngageMNt remote service initiative. The initiative's opportunities ranged from helping with social media, web development, and fund-raising efforts for local nonprofits to web-based research for University-community research and outreach projects. One project that attracted strong student and community interest was the University of Minnesota/Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Association and Dinkytown Business Association COVID-19 Business Outreach and Research Project. Learn more.

Announcements

**U of M Restore Plan for Community-Based and Field-Based Experiential Learning**

The University of Minnesota's Restore Plan for Community-Based and Field-Based Experiential Learning offers guidance for students, faculty, and staff on how to navigate and receive approval for community-based and field-based (non-clinical) activities during the fall semester. As all courses and instructional activities across the system have been modified to meet health and safety demands, the University has modified and/or limited in-person experiential learning activities being held off-campus. The plan applies to all students conducting field-work and community-based experiential activities for credit, as well as students in community service work-study and other University-sponsored community service experiences.

Wednesday, September 16

Join Penn State University Professor of History Cathleen Cahill and Augsburg University Professor of History Bill Green for a conversation about the critical leadership roles women of color and Indigenous women played in the suffrage movement here in Minnesota and across the country. The online event is organized by the University's Center on Women, Gender, and Public Policy and serves as the University's 2020 Constitution Day event in recognition of the September 17 anniversary commemorating the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

NEH Grant to Expand U of M's Mapping Prejudice Project

University of Minnesota Libraries' Mapping Prejudice Project has received new funding to develop digital tools to be used by communities across the country. With a $324,478 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, project leaders will be able to refine the suite of digital tools for mapping racial covenants.

U of M OACA Opinion Piece Highlights Need for Young People of Color to Enter Healthcare Professions

In a recent article published as part of the University's Office of Academic Clinical Affairs' Reimagine Health series, University-Community Health Care Center Board Member Director Jewelean Jackson shares her experiences in leadership as a Black woman as she addresses a history of medical distrust for Black communities and healthcare providers, and advocates for more Black youth to enter health care professions.

U of M Crookston Program Receives USDA Rural Development Grant

The University of Minnesota Crookston has received a $100,000, one-year grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to fund the Mano Amiga program of the Veden Center for Rural Economic Development. The Veden Center works to increase employment and entrepreneurship opportunities among the growing Latino community in Crookston and the Polk County areas surrounding the University.

U of M CTS to Build Ecosystem for Study of Connected and Automated Vehicles

The University's Center for Transportation Studies has secured funding to begin assembling a connected and automated vehicle ecosystem for use in research, education, and engagement.

OPE Working to Connect Resources to Communities

The University's Office for Public Engagement continues to connect community-based agency requests to University resources, expertise, physical supplies, and equipment. Email ope@umn.edu to connect with an OPE program coordinator who will respond to your request via email. Monitor OPE's Twitter feed for updates on University and community drives and related activities in response to recent events.

Featured Resource
The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) will offer the Engagement Academy for University Leaders Virtual Seminar at the 2020 ESC Meeting. During this three-week virtual seminar, participants will review case studies, analytical tools, and readings and engage in group discussion to explore strategies for leading engagement during challenging times.

Call for Applications

**U of M GPS Alliance Rapid Response Grants Program**—Deadline: Ongoing

The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance seeks applications for a new rapid response grant as part of a systemwide initiative focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Grants will support current faculty, academic staff, and graduate students to use the SDGs as a framework to help address the many challenges that are arising locally and globally.

**U of M Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring Program**—Deadline: Friday, September 4

The University’s Program in Health Disparities Research seeks junior faculty and post-doctoral trainees to participate in the 2020-2021 Health Equity Leadership & Mentoring (HELM) Program. HELM is designed to enhance the academic excellence and leadership capacity of faculty and health disparities researchers at the University of Minnesota.

**U of M Graduate School Banting Fellowship**—Deadline: September 9

The University’s Graduate School seeks applications for the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program, which provides funding to U.S. and international postdoctoral applicants who positively contribute to the country’s economic, social, and research-based growth.

**U of M OVPR Grant-In-Aid**—Deadline: Monday, September 14

The University’s Office of the Vice President for Research seeks applications for its Grant-In-Aid in Research, Artistry and Scholarship program, which promotes the research, scholarly, and artistic activities of faculty and provides seed funding for a wide range of projects in seven funding categories, including a multicultural research category.

**U of M OACA Faculty Research Development Grant Program**—Deadline: Friday, September 25

The University’s Office of Academic Clinical Affairs seeks applications for Faculty Research Development grants, which are intended to support new or expanding interdisciplinary research that addresses significant clinical issues, is innovative, and has a high potential for return on investment. Applications can encompass a continuum from laboratory research to community-engaged/community-based research.

**U of M CTSI Community Health Connections Funding**—Deadline: Ongoing

The University’s Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for the Community Health Connections program, 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 Initiative, which provides 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.

**Award Opportunities**

**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.

**IARSLCE Awards for Community Engagement and Service-Learning Research — Deadline: Friday, September 18**
The International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement seeks nominations and applications for a series of awards that recognize exemplary contributions to research and scholarship that advances the study and practice of service-learning and community engagement.

**McKnight Land-Grant Professorship—Deadline: Tuesday, December 15**
The University's Faculty and Academic Affairs seeks nominations for 2021 McKnight Land-Grant Professorships. The goal of the program is to advance the careers of new assistant professors at a crucial point in their professional lives.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

**2020-2021 Resilient Communities Partnerships—Deadline: Thursday, October 1**
The University's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Resilient Communities Project (RCP) is accepting proposals from local government agencies in Minnesota to be an RCP partner for the 2020–2021 academic year. Partners benefit from applied research and technical assistance, provided by students and faculty at the University from a variety of departments and disciplines, to address locally identified projects that advance community resilience to economic, social, environmental, or technological changes.

**Call for Papers: Health Equity Special Collection on Migrant and Refugee Health—Deadline: Thursday, October 15**
The open access health care journal *Health Equity* seeks submissions for its upcoming Special Collection on Migrant and Refugee Health. The focus includes non-communicable diseases and mental health,
which together are referred to as the triple burden of disease.

*International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change*—**Deadline:** Ongoing

The *International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change* seeks papers by undergraduate students that address service-learning projects and experiences.

**Other Opportunities**

**MetroLab Student Cup**—**Deadline:** Friday, September 25

MetroLab seeks applications for the MetroLab Student Cup. Interested students may submit completed civic research projects focused on building resilience in communities and reimagining cities in ways that are more equitable, sustainable, safe, and just.

**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 for one of three Ecolab-supported opportunities: study abroad experiences; sustainability-related internships; and student-initiated sustainability leadership projects.

**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.

**U of M Events**

Sept. 8 [State of the Program in Health Disparities Research](#)


Sept. 22 [Equity in Research Seminars: Deconstructing Race in Research](#)

Sept. 25 [Thinking Spatially: Mapping Politics and Polarization](#)

Sept. 25 [MetroLab Student Cup](#)

Sept. 29 [Equity in Research Seminars: Community Engagement to Facilitate Equity in Research](#)

Oct. 13 [PHDR Health Equity Seminar Series](#)

Nov. 5 [Transportation Research Conference](#)

**Other Events**

Sept. 15, 16 [MPHA Annual Conference](#)

Sept. 16 [Lessons Learned from the Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative](#)

Sept. 17 [Advancing the Response to COVID-19](#)

Oct. 6 [Engagement Academy for University Leaders Virtual Seminar](#)
Oct. 20 Engagement Academy for University Leaders Virtual Seminar
Nov. 3 Engagement Academy for University Leaders Virtual Seminar
Nov. 13-14 Overcoming Racism Conference

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