



FUNDING FOR URBAN RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE | **DUE DATE: JANUARY 31, 2025**

The [Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative](#) (HMUI) invites applications for grants to support research projects with an urban focus, ideally with an interdisciplinary approach. We seek proposals in three broad areas:

1. Research in archives and online data sets that will lead to publication.
2. Funding towards producing materials that seek to disseminate knowledge more broadly (e.g.: data visualization, maps, multimedia history, etc.).
3. Development of course-related materials, or course-enhancing programming. This might include funding for Research Assistants, site visits, or honoraria for guest speakers during the Spring of 2025.

In this application cycle, in partnership with the Mahindra Humanities Center, we have additional funding for projects focused on migration and the built environment. We can support public events, course-related activities, and research activities with a public-facing dissemination component.

All Harvard affiliates are welcome to apply.

- Currently enrolled students, both undergraduate and graduate, may apply to undertake their own independent or collaborative projects. Students should indicate a faculty sponsor or advisor.
- Faculty can only apply to categories 2 and 3.

The Urban Initiative is particularly interested in linking humanistic approaches to cities with spatial investigations of built environments. We aim to expand understanding of urban life, social and political structures, design, and history across diverse sites and scales. We encourage projects with an interdisciplinary dimension and/or a pedagogical component that generates materials for teaching, exhibitions, publications, and/or digital platforms. Collaborative projects that bring together faculty and students from across the university to develop new cross-disciplinary approaches to the study of urban environments, societies, and cultures are most welcome.

Projects can be conducted in the Spring or Summer of 2025. Funding is limited to \$3,000 per project. Budgets can include hourly compensation to students. All successful applicants will be expected to share some version of their project on the HMUI website.

To apply please submit a one-page proposal, CV, and budget to hmui@harvard.edu.

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