



FUNDING FOR URBAN RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE

DEADLINE: January 4, 2021

The [Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative](#) (HMUI) invites applications for grants to support research projects with an urban focus, ideally with an interdisciplinary approach. Projects might include but are not limited to such issues as inequality, diversity, and climate change. We seek proposals in three broad areas:

1. development of course-related materials
2. research in archives and online data sets that will lead to publication
3. innovative strategies for disseminating knowledge (e.g.: data visualization, maps, multimedia history, etc.).

All Harvard affiliates are welcome to apply.

- Faculty and instructors can only apply to hire student research assistants. We can help to match research projects to students with the appropriate skills, if the applicant makes clear what is needed.
- Currently-enrolled students, both undergraduate and graduate, may apply to undertake their own independent or collaborative projects. If they so desire, students can indicate a faculty sponsor or request the HMUI's help in finding one.

The Urban Initiative is particularly interested in linking humanistic approaches to cities with spatial investigations of the built and natural environments. We encourage [projects](#) with a pedagogical and/or interdisciplinary dimension that generate 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 welcome.

Projects can be conducted in Spring semester and/or Summer of 2021. Funding is limited to \$2,500 per project. Budgets can include hourly compensation to the student as well as research expenses, which currently cannot cover travel. Hourly pay for students is set at \$20. 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 by January 4, 2021. Applicants will be informed of the status of their applications by January 22, 2021.

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