

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH GRANT

Are you a full-time undergraduate or graduate urban planning student?

Are you working on a creative research project?

Would you be interested in receiving a \$1,000 research grant?

If your answers are **YES, YES, YES**, then we invite you to apply for one of our housing and community development research grants.

The American Planning Association Housing and Community Development Division is announcing its annual research grant to support academic research for creative projects on contemporary issues in urban planning and design.

What is the HCD Research Grant?

The HCD research grant is awarded annually for scholarly research projects that focus on an interdisciplinary study of architecture, 'smart growth' community planning, economic and social strategies, and environmental design as it applies to innovative solutions to housing and community development issues and that will benefit HCD members.

This is your opportunity to network among professionals in the urban and planning field and be recognized for your achievements. All grant recipients will be given the opportunity by the HCD Division Executive Committee to present their findings at either the Annual APA Conference or APA-sponsored conference in their region.

Application Criteria:

In addition to the research proposal, applicants must submit a resume that includes professional employment, volunteer service, awards and honors; a statement letter of interest in the HCD Division; and a Faculty Sponsor CV and letter of support.

Deadline: February 17, 2010

For more information, please see attached scholarship application information.

Nelson Hernandez
Vice-Chair, Housing and Community Development Division
American Planning Association

To be considered for the research grant program, interested applicants should submit their completed application packages to Janice Kuhl by February 17, 2010. Late proposals will not be accepted. Grant funds will be available for use until December 31, 2010. Submissions will be reviewed based on: merit, feasibility and organization of the proposed project, applicant's and faculty member's training, credentials, and expertise to implement the proposed activity; dedication of the student and faculty member to the project; and how the proposed project will contribute to the Housing and Community Development field.

DIVISION

Housing and Community Development Division

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RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

HCD Research Grant

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAM

The APA Housing & Community Development Division is seeking to provide three research grants to undergraduate or graduate students for materials and/or activities directly related to the student's research. Each grant will be in the amount of \$1,000. The purpose of the grant program is to inform our members of new or innovative housing and/ or community development methods, practices, or programs. Grant recipients will be given the opportunity to present their work at either the Annual APA Conference or APA-sponsored conference in their region. Housing & Community Development Division members will be given special preference for grant funding.

AMOUNT

\$1,000

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

February 17, 2010

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS/ LIMITATIONS

1. Applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student
2. Research must be conducted in connection with a Masters Thesis or other student project
3. Research must advocate new or innovative housing and/ or community development methods, practices, or programs
4. Recipients will be given the opportunity to present their work at either the Annual APA Conference or APA-sponsored conference in their region

PROPOSAL CRITERIA

1. Three page (max.) proposal:
 - Goals and Objectives:**
What are your research goals and objectives?
 - Project Significance:**
How will this project contribute to the housing and community development field?
 - Methodology**
How will you accomplish your goals stated above?
 - Budget**
What is your proposed budget? (Please submit an itemized budget on a separate page). Provide any other funding sources, if applicable.
 - Future Plans**
Will the results of the proposed research be published? Will you continue research in this area?
2. Faculty Sponsor CV and letter of support
3. Student resume (including professional employment, volunteer service, and awards and honors)
4. A one-page statement of interest in Housing and Community Development