

# Diversity Platforms 2020–2021

## *Call for Proposals*



The College of Environmental Design's Diversity Platforms Initiative supports activities, projects, and exhibits that promote and enhance the critical examination of the intersections between race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, power and privilege, poverty and inequality, access and ability, restorative justice, and other aspects of human identity and relations within the built environment. The Diversity Platforms Initiative is part of the College's strategic plan to advance equity and inclusion in our community, and is supported by the Arcus Endowment.

Each year, the Diversity Platforms Initiative invites CED faculty, students, alums, and staff to submit proposals for the following categories. Faculty, students, and staff on the Berkeley campus are welcome to apply for awards in partnership with members of the CED community. See application form for further details.

**Note: Proposals for the Curricular Enrichment, Exhibits, Special Events, and Community Building should have the potential to be realized online, should conditions associated with the Pandemic require it.**

- 1. CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT:** Funding to enhance lecture courses and seminars that address the core concerns of the Diversity Platforms Initiative. Request to bring innovative speaker(s) to a required lecture class as part of an effort to include issues related to the CED's underrepresented and minority student identities are welcome.
- 2. EXHIBITS:** Support to create and stage an exhibition as a "pop-up" short-term display in an approved public display area within the College. Topical displays and short-term installations exploring the intersection between politics and the built environment as understood from the standpoint of race, class, ethnicity, gender and sexuality, and religion, amongst others, are encouraged.
- 3. SPECIAL EVENTS:** Funding for special events that highlight critical issues, create dialogue within the CED community, and promote follow-up advocacy. Workshops that bring established critics/academics/CED professors together with members of the CED the community in short term study groups, one-day research workshops, lightening talks on urgent issues, film screenings and related discussions, performance highlight the politics of space are among the possibilities.
- 4. COMMUNITY BUILDING:** Funding for special events or multi-year initiatives designed to support CED-led collaboration with activist groups in the Bay Area; provide support for new and existing activist organizations and initiatives within the CED. Applicants may apply for multi-year awards (up to two to three years) to support events that assist with community development, co-curricular initiatives or public programming consistent with the Endowment's mission.
- 5. COVID-19 MUTUAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS:** Funding for design activism that builds resilience, offers basic needs assistance, and creates community during this tumultuous time. Efforts could include a range of projects such as a CED food bank delivery service for students in need; innovative forms of digital mapping to improve access to resources for students; and proposals to support new forms of social gathering and community building online. Projects that target marginalized communities are encouraged. Successful applications will explore the relationship between design thinking and social action, by developing a strategy through interdisciplinary design methods, enacting it, and then reflecting on the results in a final report to share with the CED community and inform other initiatives. Cross-disciplinary team applications by students, staff and faculty in the CED are encouraged.

In an exciting NEW development, this year each applicant may apply for an **award of up to \$15,000**. Requests to disburse the award in annual segments for a multi-year program are also welcome. If applying for a multi-year award, applicants must demonstrate continuity of management over the award period. Please note that a statement outlining how the funds will be used; the significance of the proposed activities; and a budget are required as part of the submission.

*Apply* [here](#)

*Due:* 04/30 @ 4pm

*Info Session:* 04/9 @ 4pm, Zoom: <https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/699848169>