

AIA Upjohn Research Initiative 2019

Call for submissions

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The AIA Upjohn Research Initiative supports applied research projects that enhance the value of design and professional practice knowledge.

This AIA program funds up to six research grants of \$15,000–\$30,000 annually for projects completed in a 6-to 18-month period. The funds must be fully matched with hard dollars, with a maximum of 10% allocated for overhead. Grant recipients' research findings and outcomes are published online by AIA.

Grants are eligible to academic institutions, practice, and other research organizations.

2019 grants

Research should be relevant and applicable to practicing architects. Upjohn Research grant funding will be allocated to projects related to AIA's priorities for 2019. These include a drive toward design that helps reduce energy use, supports the investment in sustainable buildings, and encourages equitable communities. More specifically, research projects must address one or more of these areas:

- Net-zero buildings (including design strategies, materials, technology, etc.)
- Regenerative design (i.e., projects that lead to the improvement of the ecosystem, creating resilient and equitable systems)
- Innovations that measurably reduce the carbon use in buildings
- Metrics or other measures to help evaluate the performance of buildings in relation to energy use, lifecycle analysis, and the business case for sustainable design
- Economic case for carbon-free design/construction

Submission dates

Submission deadline:

August 29, 2019 by 11:59pm Pacific

Notifications to applicants:

by November 1, 2019

Verification of matching funds and agreement: by November 27, 2019

Submission fee: None

Submission details

Project submissions are completed online

- Project title
- Abstract (include project concept and brief description of methodology)
- Budget
- Summary of projected outcomes
- Clients and knowledge communities served
- Approach to collaboration/partnership
- Images (optional)
- Principal investigator(s) with institutional affiliation(s) and contact information
- Contact information for three references

Omit any identifying information from the title, descriptive text, budget, and the optional images before submitting for the blind review process.

Criteria and selection

Given their role in helping establish the program, the jury panel is comprised of seven professionals from the AIA Board Knowledge Committee and the AIA College of Fellows.

The jury evaluates each submission and selects the grant awardees based on:

- Demonstration that the research enhances the value of design and/or professional practice knowledge (30%)
- Innovation (25%)
- Evidence of collaboration/partnership (20%)
- Validity of research method 15%
- Strength of projected outcomes related to alignment with theme (10%)



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