



ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS CONSORTIUM
ARCC 2021 Research Incentive Award
Call for Proposals

The ARCC Research Incentive Award aims to support and promote high-quality architectural research and scholarship activities in ARCC member schools. The program provides faculty in member schools with the resources needed to support and enhance their research and creative activities and to develop their research agendas. The program invites proposals from all areas of architectural research.

Eligibility: Proposals must come from an ARCC member institution. The lead PI must be a faculty member of that institution. Co-PIs are possible and may include Post-doctoral researchers and/or PhD candidates. Interdisciplinary projects are encouraged. Faculty awarded the ARCC Incentive Award are ineligible to apply for one year following the period of their award.

Award Size and Number: The size of the award is \$5,000. ARCC will award a minimum of one award and up to two awards every year depending on availability of funds.

Grant Period and Timeline:

The performance period for the 2021 ARCC Incentive Award is January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The following timeline will apply:

- August 15, 2020 – Request for Proposals (RFP) announced
- October 15, 2020 Applications due by email to Ming Hu at mhu2008@umd.edu
- December 15, 2020 – Award recipient(s) announced
- January 1, 2021 – Award performance period begins
- June 1, 2021 – Interim project progress report due
- December 31, 2021 – Grant performance period ends
- January 31, 2022 – Final project report due

Proposal Requirements:

Applications should be submitted by the PI's institution. The following proposal elements are required:

- **Proposal Cover Page:** The Cover Page will include 1) the project title, 2) the name, position, and institution of PI and Co-PIs (if applicable), and 3) an abstract (250 words maximum) summarizing the objectives, benefits, and significance of the proposed research effort.
- **Project Description: 3 pages maximum including graphics:** The project description will include:
 - Project Title.
 - Conceptual background of the proposed study including a description of relevant work, and theoretical justification for the research.
 - Detailed methodological approach to be used in conducting the research.

- Impact on applicant’s research program over the long term.
- Disposition of results. Indicate dissemination outlet in which the project will be submitted, and/or the future work that will be conducted. Indicate if the program funds will be used to generate preliminary results for larger funding proposal.

If additional information is needed, an appendix may be included but there is no obligation for reviewers to read it. Any exception or absence of this format will result in the proposal not being reviewed.

- Key References: 1 page maximum
- Requested Budget & Budget Justification: 1 page maximum: A detailed description of requested funds and a detailed budget justification must be included. The budget justification must convey an integrated understanding of the resources necessary to complete the proposed project. Award funds may be used for student support, faculty or student travel, supplies, expenses of field work, data collection, archival research, training, educational purposes and/or research, creative or scholarly activities directly related to the proposed project. Funds **cannot** be used for faculty salaries, office equipment, stipends, scholarships and/or tuition. The award allows for a maximum of 10% of indirect costs (F&A). Cost sharing is not required.
- Biographical Sketch / Resume: 2 pages maximum for the PI and each Co-PI.
- Letter(s) of Support from Department Chair(s): 1 page maximum. The letter should be addressed to ARCC endorsing the proposed project, and should explain how the proposed project will contribute to the faculty member’s professional development; contribute to the discipline; and advance department, college, and university research and creative activity goals.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Clarity, specificity, and quality of the proposal.
2. Suitability and rigor of proposed research methodology
3. Suitability for publication, exhibition, performance, or subsequent extramural funding.
4. Significance of research contribution to the disciplines and/or architectural practice
5. Contribution to professional development of the investigator(s).

Final Report Requirements

The PI is responsible for submitting an interim report no later than **June 1, 2021** and a final report no later than **January 31, 2022**. The reports should provide a summary of the conducted research, the results reached, as well as a financial report of all project expenditures. The final report should list any published or in-progress publications, exhibits or other scholarly or creative outcomes resulting from the project. The final report will be published on the ARCC website, repository, and other communication outlets. PIs are also strongly encouraged to consider submitting their work to ARCC conferences and research journal.

Acknowledgements

PI must clearly acknowledge the ARCC Incentive Award in all publications, exhibits or other scholarly or creative outcomes resulting from the project.

Contacts

All questions should be directed to Professor Ming Hu, ARCC Awards Committee Chair, at: mhu2008@umd.edu