

DUSP
Guidelines for Bemis Funding
Fall 2018- Spring 2019

Through the generosity of the Dean, DUSP is able to provide special one-year funding to support activities that promote the work of faculty and students in the department. For the coming year, we are seeking funding applications through this call for proposals.

Objectives:

- To promote and increase DUSP's "intellectual capital" and visibility while exploring new directions and thoughts in the field.
- To document DUSP's contribution and disseminate the information through mass media and publications.
- To advance and generate exposure to DUSP junior faculty work, research and intellectual discourse.

Funding Criteria:

1. Topics: A proposed topic will ideally deal with one of the department's crosscutting intellectual/research themes or chart new directions in planning practice and theory. A proposed topic should relate to the field of urban planning or show clear intellectual and practical connection.
2. Collaboration: A proposal should ideally be a joint venture between at least two faculty with preference for junior faculty involvement as lead. It should try and Involvement of PhD student(s) and offer an accompanying for-credit seminar.
3. Impact: Clear product and outcome (edited volume or publication are highly desirable)

Engagement Format Preference:

We are open to any idea as long as it provides exposure and engages the DUSP community, MIT and beyond. It can take the form of a symposium, a colloquium concentrated over a day or two, or a series over the full semester. It could also be part of a department lecture series.

Grant Range:

Grants will range from \$5,000-\$20,000 and will depend on:

- The number of proposals submitted
- The number of activities we would like to host within the academic year
- The nature of the budget submitted, and the identification of additional funding sources to supplement/match Bemis grants.

Proposal and Application Procedures:

A complete application should include:

1. A proposal narrative that describes the format and forms of engagement, expected deliverables, contribution to intellectual discourse, and intended impact
2. A budget that includes a breakdown of costs, amount requested, and other funding if available. It should also include other requests such as an allocation of departmental RA slot to help with the project.

Deadlines:

Review of proposals will be on a rolling basis.

Proposal submission:

Please consider discussing preliminary ideas with Eran before submitting a full proposal. Full proposal should be submitted by email to Eran and Ezra.

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