



Arts Integrative Interdisciplinary Research (AiiR) grants are available to graduate students in good academic standing and currently enrolled in any graduate degree granting program (inclusive of, but not limited to MA, MFA, MM, EdD, DMA, or PhD), and actively progressing toward that degree in one of the ArtsEngine schools or colleges (A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning; College of Engineering; Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design; School of Information; School of Music, Theatre & Dance) at the University of Michigan.

These grants are designed to support graduate student research projects that integrate the arts and design with other disciplines, especially those in engineering and the sciences:

- To produce new knowledge;
- As part of a process of systematic questioning and inquiry;
- As a mode of creative activity and scholarship;
- In the exploration and discovery of processes, information, applications, ideas or performances;
- In the investigation of a subject area, as part of experimentation, and making.

Projects will be judged according to the degree to which each contributing discipline is utilized to support the novel interdisciplinary outcome and the extent to which the investigator, individually or in collaboration with others, demonstrates the disciplinary knowledge and skills required to complete the project.

The Letter of Intent (LOI) is an initial request for project review, prior to submitting a full application. LOIs that meet basic criteria will prompt either an invitation to submit the full application to the granting committee or an invitation

to a pre-application consultation to work on the project to better meet grant criteria.

If a project falls too far outside the grant criteria, LOI submitters will receive written feedback toward a resubmission at a later time or suggestions about other possible sources of funding. All LOIs will receive a response within two weeks of submission deadlines.

Questions regarding LOIs, or the grant program in general, may be directed to [artsengine@umich.edu](mailto:artsengine@umich.edu).

Name:

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Degree program in which you are currently enrolled:

Area of Study:

LOI Submission Deadline (Select One):

Please *briefly* describe your research project.

*Briefly describe the project, addressing the following areas in your description:*

- Anticipated outcomes and the expected duration of the project
- How is the project connected to your career goals and professional development?
- How is the project interdisciplinary in its scope, with art or design as a central tenet? Include in your response, the disciplinary knowledge and skills that will be drawn upon to complete the project.
- For the disciplines listed above, please describe either your own expertise or your plan to engage other faculty, staff or graduate students in bringing together the knowledge and skills necessary to complete the project.

**How did you hear about the Arts Integrative Interdisciplinary Research Grant? (*Check all that apply*)**

- Flyer/Poster
- ArtsEngine Email Newsletter
- ArtsEngine Website
- Previous Grant Recipient
- Faculty Member
- ArtsEngine Staff Member
- Student Info Fair (*Festifall, NorthFest, WinterFest, Munger Opportunity Fair, etc.*)
- ArtsEngine Brochure/Print Material
- SORC Advertising (*Bus Signs, Diag Boards/Banners, Table Tents, Digital Display*)
- Social Media (*Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.*)
- Word of Mouth/From a Friend
- Other (*Please Indicate*)

**Thank you for your interest in the Arts Integrative Interdisciplinary Research (AiiR) Grant program. Our office will contact you within two weeks of the LOI grant cycle deadline.**