

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE GRANTS

Purpose of the Fund

The BAC Board of Trustees has created an Educational Research Fund to encourage and support design inquiry and development. The objectives of the Fund are:

- to enhance the academic and applied learning of BAC students, and
- to support BAC faculty in the discovery and testing of new ideas as they apply to design education and its relationship to innovative practice.

Type of Projects to Be Funded

A wide variety of projects can be funded through EDCO grants. Proposals can focus on applied research into teaching methods, the generation of public awareness of design ideas, or the investigation of the educational implications of particular design technologies, philosophies, or techniques. The BAC particularly encourages original research that can be used as the basis for a BAC exhibition or as a permanent resource. The Committee evaluates research proposals based on originality as well as the benefit to the College's educational programs. Initiatives that support faculty in their development as scholars and teachers will be given special consideration. Some consideration will be given to maintaining a balance between the benefits provided to all programs. Depending on the strength of the available submissions, the Awards Committee may offer partial funding for select projects.

Eligibility

Core and adjunct BAC faculty are eligible. Teams consisting of at least one BAC instructor and one core faculty member are particularly encouraged to apply. Foreign nationals who are not eligible to work in the United States may not receive EDCO research grants.

Optional Meeting with EDCO Advisor

There is an optional meeting with a staff advisor to discuss award criteria on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5 pm in the Loft at 320 Newbury St.

Award Amount

Grants will generally be made in amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Smaller or larger sums are within the discretion of the Committee.

Guidelines

Applicants should submit the following bound on 8½"×11" paper:

- a description of the project, including a one paragraph summary of its objectives
- an explanation of the project's relationship to design education in general and to the BAC's educational program(s) in particular
- a schedule for project implementation
- a summary of the proposed budget
- a description of the proposed results of the project and how these will be presented to the BAC
- a maximum of 10 pages supplementary illustrative materials
- a current curriculum vitae for each participant

Judging

Applications will be reviewed by select members of the Education Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees. Applicants will be notified of final decisions by June 5, 2017.

Final Presentation and Publication

All EDCO grant recipients are required to present the outcome of their investigation at a public venue within the BAC, and to provide a final report, which the College may publish at its discretion. The report must be supplemented with visual material, and presented to the Education Committee following completion of the work. A bound copy of this report will be added to the BAC archives.

Deadline

Applications are due by 5 pm on Monday, May 15, 2017, and sent to:

EDCO Grant Awards
Attention: Thor Sandstad
The Boston Architectural College
320 Newbury Street



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