

# RISD Graduate Commons Grant

## Application: Spring 2021

This information should be on the first page of your PDF application

Date:

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Name: (For collaborative proposals list just contact name)

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Email:

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Department:

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**Project Category:** Graduate students may apply in only one category annually (check one).

**Individual:** Must be a current graduate student at time of application.

or

**Collaborative:** Proposals may include current graduate students in any program, any year, with no limit on the group size. One student must act as the primary contact, who will receive the grant check and will be responsible for managing project funds.

**Grant amount requested:** Grants are awarded in one of the following amounts (check one).

\$1,500

\$3,000

\$5,000

Submission of a post-grant report is required (see guidelines and requirements).

Approved by:

Graduate Program Director (**via email to [ahorscha@risd.edu](mailto:ahorscha@risd.edu)**)

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Name of GPD:

*If submitting a collaborative proposal, include just the name of the contact person's Graduate Program Director.*

# GRADUATE COMMONS GRANT

## Guidelines and Requirements

### Spring 2021



#### Overview

The Graduate Commons Grant is a competitive annual grant program that supports creative open-ended explorations and goal-oriented projects. An internal committee chaired by the Director, Office of Graduate Studies will review proposals and determine recipients and final award amounts.

#### Student Eligibility

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above.
2. Enrolled as full-time graduate student at time of application.
3. Holds a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), which is necessary to receive award check. *Please contact Kate Sacco, Director, Office of International Student Services, 401-709-8474, csacco@risd.edu if you need a SSN.*

#### Evaluative Criteria

1. Clarity of the proposal as expressed in the written statement and supporting materials.
2. Coherent and detailed budget.
3. Feasibility of proposal.
4. Proposal should describe either a specific outcome to be achieved, or how this component of the project/research will concretely contribute to the achievement of a long-term project/research.
5. Evidence of commitment to your discipline or field of research, and how the project will contribute to your creative, intellectual or artistic development.

#### Submission Process

1. Complete Graduate Commons Grant Application: Spring 2021
2. Your application, submitted as one PDF must include:
  - Signature page
  - Project title
  - Project abstract (maximum 50 words). Summarize objectives (essential goals and anticipated outcomes) for your use of the grant.
  - Project narrative (maximum 500 words). Effective narratives include:
    - An introductory framework about how this project/research fits into your practice.
    - Detailed description of what the focus of your work will be during the grant period.
    - Description of how you will go about this work in a way that attests to the feasibility of your project.
    - Concrete or anticipated outcomes (body or work, further questions, acquired knowledge, etc.).

- Images: When relevant you may include up to 5 images.
- Project budget request: include materials, equipment, rentals, travel, fabrication, services, other related expenses, and in-kind or other contributions.
- Indicate other grants, if any, you are currently seeking for this project (e.g., Maharam Fellowship, etc.).
- Curriculum Vitæ or Résumé: **No more than 2 pages (per person). Everyone in a collaborative proposal must submit a cv/résumé.**

Email the application and required materials to [gradstudies@risd.edu](mailto:gradstudies@risd.edu) with the subject heading “Graduate Commons Grant Application 2021.” Applications are due no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

### Important Dates

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Deadline for APPLICATIONS

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Grant recipient ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, January 13, 2022

Deadline for 2019 recipient's Post-Grant REPORT\*

### \*Post-Grant Report must include:

A summary of grant activity (*maximum 500 words*) including travel, research, and work successfully completed. Please confirm original objectives, as well as projected outcomes and completion of work. If there were changes in objectives or proposed outcomes/results, please describe and justify. *Images and information about recipients' grant activities may be included on RISD's website and other materials.*

- What were some of the significant discoveries and insights you developed as a consequence of this grant?
- How do you imagine you will build on these in future work?
- Were there expected and/or unanticipated challenges and how did you respond to these?
- If there were changes in the proposed budget, please describe and explain.
- Include images (between 5 and 8 images) that represent the outcome of the grant.
- The complete report should be in one PDF.