

The Michael Brill Research Grant In Urban Communication and Community Design

The Michael Brill Research Grant for Urban Communication and Community Design supports innovative research that seeks to enhance the quality of community life by examining human communicative behavior in the context of the technologies and the physical environments in which those interactions occur. This research should address and connect theoretical perspectives from the fields of communication, design and the social sciences. Research supported by the Brill Grant may focus on how physical community places influence the mode, nature, and content of human communicative behavior OR use a communication lens for examining communal places and human activity."

Amount of Award: \$3000

Application Requirements -Submit application at:

https://www.edra.org/page/brill_submission

Phase 1: (Phase 1 Deadline is October 15, 2025)

Each complete application should include

Research Proposal (brief) 500 word maximum description of the research project that clearly states:

- What is your research question or issue?
- How your research seeks to understand how the design of environments influences communication, OR, how communication processes can inform environmental design. Simply communicating your research or communicating as part of the research process does not meet grant's intent.
- How the research concepts from these fields are defined as measurable concepts in the context of the proposed study.
- What research method(s) will be used in the study.

Additional Phase 1 documents to be submitted

- Proposer(s) CV
- Bibliography of up to 10 core references
- Indicate if this is a student, faculty or practitioner proposal
- Indicate which grant approach category you are submitting under. Indicate letter and title from list at end of this document.

Phase 2: If your phase 1 proposal is accepted, you will be asked to expand your proposal and submit a full package.

Awardee Responsibility: Research results based on the grant must be presented at an EDRA conference within 3 years of the Grant's award. The awardee must acknowledge the Grant when presenting or publishing work resulting from research supported by the Grant.

Grant Approach Categories

You must indicate which of the categories below your proposal fits in.

A. Research on mediated communication technologies that are integrated into communal spaces and the impact these have on the design or use of those places.

B. Research on the use of mediated communication technology in community spaces and the impact these have on the design or use of those spaces.

C. Research on community activities involving the use of mediated communication technologies in physical spaces and how this technology impacts the design or use of these places.

D. Research on the design of communal places and how mediated communication technologies and processes impact the design or use of communal places.

E. Research on how adding communicative technology to physical places has an impact on the development and maintenance of communities.

F. Research on the connection/disconnection via mediated communication in lieu of communal places.

For further information please refer to the full program description on the EDRA web site. https://www.edra.org/page/michael_brill

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