

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 examines human communicative behavior interacting through mediating technologies and physical environments in which those interactions occur **in support of human communities**. This research must 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 theoretical 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, 2026)

Each complete application should include

Research Proposal (brief) 750 word maximum description of the research project that clearly states:

- 1) Which grant approach category does your study fit into. (Give letter and title from the list in this document)
- 2) What is your research question or issue?
- 3) How your research seeks to understand how the design of environments influences communication, OR, how communication theories can inform environmental design. Simply communicating your research or communicating as part of the research process does not meet Grant's intent.
- 4) How the research concepts from these fields are operationalized as measurable concepts in the study.
- 5) What research methods will be used in the study.

Additional Phase 1 documents to be submitted

- Proposer(s) CV - The focus should be on demonstrating the expertise needed to complete the research using the research methods proposed.
- Bibliography of up to 10 core references that reflect both communication and environmental design literature.
- Indicate if this is a student, faculty or practitioner proposal. If you are a graduating student what institution will support you while completing the research (e.g., IRB reviews)

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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