The Penn IUR Undergraduate Urban Research Colloquium (UURC)

The Penn IUR Undergraduate Urban Research Colloquium (UURC) facilitates faculty- and doctoral student-mentored, undergraduate urban-focused research. The program includes funding support for a joint research project and a semester-long, credit-bearing seminar (CPLN 528/URBS 428). Students from each of the University’s undergraduate schools (Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Science, Nursing and Wharton) are eligible to participate, and the Penn IUR UURC invites the participation of faculty and doctoral students from across the University’s 12 schools to undertake research on a wide range of urban issues. The program will sponsor up to 10 projects each Spring. Grant funds will be provided to support new and/or existing research efforts.

Eligibility and Requirements:
• All standing faculty, adjunct, practice or clinical professors, and doctoral students in all schools are eligible.
• Faculty and doctoral students must identify enrolling student as part of grant application, facilitate and supervise student research and participate in joint presentations throughout the semester.
• Research projects must be urban-focused and can be drawn from a range of disciplines including Anthropology, Art History, City Planning, Community and Urban Health, Community Development, Cultural Studies, Demographics, Design, Education, Economics, Engineering, Environmental Science, Finance, Fine Arts, Geography, Governance, History, Historic Preservation, Housing, Humanities, Immigration, Infrastructure, Landscape Studies, Law, Management, Medicine, Metropolitan and Regional Studies, Natural and Applied Sciences, Poverty, Public Policy, Real Estate, Social Work, Sociology, Transportation and Urban Studies.

Course Format:
Weekly seminar attendance by undergraduate students is mandatory. Faculty and doctoral students are expected to attend and participate in three sessions: the first class in January and two subsequent sessions in which they will co-present their projects. At the first of these sessions they will present the context for their research question, at the second they will support their respective students in presenting their research design and at the last session they will support student presentations of findings and implications. Joint presentations will be approximately 45 minutes. In addition to seminar attendance, faculty and doctoral students will be required to meet with students no less than three times during the course of the semester.

Grant Support:
Grants (up to $2,000) will be available to support joint research projects. However, grants may not be used for direct student compensation during the period of the course (but may be used for a student stipend during on-going summer research).
**Application:**
Applications for the UURC grant program should not exceed two pages in length and should include:

- Research Project Description: An outline of the topic/research area and its relevance/connection to urban-focused issues. This outline should include the questions the research seeks to address, the methodology to be employed, the research gap that is filled, and how the proposed research expands existing knowledge within the discipline.
- Student Participation and statement: Provide the name, year and school of the undergraduate student. The student should briefly describe how they see the project fitting into their course of study, what research skills they have or hope to learn, and what they hope to gain from the course.
- Detailed Project Budget: Outline use of funds in the following categories: research materials, transportation/fieldwork, summer student stipend and other appropriate expenses.

The applications should be submitted electronically to Cameron Anglum (anglumjc@gse.upenn.edu) by December 21, 2018.

**Final Deliverables:**
The final products of each UURC grant will be a full report outlining research activities and outcomes as well as a 1-page summary of the research project.