

CDS Announces Grants and Scholarships for 2012: Applications Due March 26, 2012

We realize that several of the scholarships being offered are tied to the applicant's participation as a presenter at the CDS conference taking place in Cincinnati in July. Since these announcements have not been made as yet, it seems reasonable to move the deadline for applications back to March 26, 2012.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our members and supporters, the CDS Endowment will distribute up to eight scholarships in 2012 to CDS members and student members to support academic efforts, research projects, or presentations at the CDS Annual International Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 21-25, 2012, or at a major community development conference outside the member's home continent. There is also a grant award for diversity initiatives in community development.

The deadline for scholarship applications is March 26, 2012.

Ted Bradshaw Fund to Support Student Engagement in CDS

The Rural Policy Research Institute established this fund in 2007 for the dual purpose of honoring the memory of Ted Bradshaw and to provide support for undergraduate or graduate students who wish to participate in the CDS Annual International Conference, and/or to provide a community-based research award to students. One scholarship will be offered in 2012 in the amount of \$1,000. The recipient will be recognized at a plenary session of the CDS Annual International Conference.

An award may be given for one of two purposes:

1. To provide travel support for undergraduate or graduate students who wish to participate in the CDS Annual International Conference and who have been accepted to present community-based research at the conference;
2. To provide a research award to students doing or planning to do community-based research.

Grant Criteria: For either award, a grant recipient may only receive one award per degree. For example, a student may apply for the grant as an undergraduate and again as a graduate student.

1. Travel support award: An applicant for the Ted Bradshaw Fund for travel to present community-based research at the CDS Annual International Conference will at a minimum meet the following criteria: (a) is enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program with an emphasis on community development at an accredited college or university; (b) can demonstrate a Grade Point Average of 3.0 minimum with a copy of his/her transcript; (c) submits an essay (maximum of 750 words) describing his or her course of study, academic standing, year of study, the intended uses of the award, and a description of how his or her work reflects the spirit of the award (see list below); (d) provides evidence of planned involvement in the CDS Annual International Conference as supported by: (1) a letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can verify the applicant's status and plans for involvement at the Conference; and (2) the applicant's commitment to participate in the entire Conference; (e) is currently a member of CDS or joins the organization; and (f) submits a brief summary of the presentation for write-up in the Vanguard.

2. Community-based research award: An applicant for the Ted Bradshaw Fund for conducting community-based research will at a minimum meet the following criteria: (a) is enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program with an emphasis on community development at an accredited college or university; (b) can demonstrate a Grade Point Average of 3.0 minimum with a copy of his/her transcript; (c) submits an essay (maximum of 750 words) describing his or her course of study,

academic standing, year of study, the intended uses of the award, and a description of how his or her work reflects the spirit of the award (see list below); (d) provides a description (maximum 750 words) of his/her current or proposed community-based research; (e) submits a letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can verify the applicant's status and research plans; (f) is currently a member of CDS or joins the organization; and (g) submits a brief summary of her/his research for write-up in the CDS Vanguard.

Applicants for either award will be judged on the degree to which the characteristics of the applicant and their work most reflect the spirit and legacy of Ted Bradshaw:

1. Innovation: where the conference presentation focuses on truly innovative practice;
2. Practice-driven research: the research involves working with communities, and the results will benefit communities;
3. High levels of intellectual curiosity: helping to push the CDS toward new ways of thinking about community development.

Diversity Fund

The stated purpose of the Diversity Fund is to support initiatives in the CDS that a) increase awareness around diversity issues within the community development profession; b) increase understanding of and respect for our differences as people and as professionals; and c) promote learning different approaches to CD practice, research, and teaching, based upon the relevant internal and external dimensions of diversity.

Eligible Grant Activities: A variety of requests for funding to support diversity initiatives in the CDS will be considered under this category. Examples could include the following: The Membership Committee might request funds to attract CD practitioners, researchers, and teachers from a wider variety of ethnicities and geographic locations to join CDS. The Communications & Publications Committee might request funds to increase its outreach to a wider diversity of practitioners or researchers to submit written works for publication. The International Committee might request funds to broaden the active participation in CDS by practitioners, researchers, and teachers from cultures not currently active in CDS. The Program Planning Committee might request funds to increase the opportunities at the annual conference for members to share and learn about CD from a wider variety of cultural perspectives.

Grant Criteria: Grants from the Diversity Fund will at a minimum need to meet the following criteria: (a) any and all grant awards will be initiated by a letter of application from a CDS standing committee to the Board of Directors; (b) the letter of application will describe the specific activities proposed, the intended outcomes, and the rationale for dedicating monies from the Diversity Fund to these activities; (c) grants will be given for such activities that will fulfill the purpose of the Fund and which fall within the primary responsibilities of the committee; (d) the activities for which funding is requested will in all ways conform to the CDS Principles of Good Practice; and (e) the specific activities receiving support from the Diversity Fund and their intended outcomes will be reported in verbal and printed presentations related to the activities, in communications in the Vanguard to members at large, and in other ways as deemed appropriate by the CDS Board.

Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund

This Fund was created for the dual purpose of honoring the memory of Nette Nelson and to help defray the expenses of CDS members who wish to participate in a community development conference outside the member's home continent by presenting a paper or workshop or giving a major address. No member may receive this scholarship more than once. Up to two scholarships will be offered in 2012 at a

minimum of \$1,000.00 each. The recipient of a Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship will be recognized at a plenary session of the CDS Annual International Conference.

Grant Criteria: An applicant for the Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund will at a minimum meet the following criteria: (a) be a current member of the CDS as verified by the CDS Secretary or the CDS business office; (b) provides a copy of an invitation to present a paper, workshop or major address at a community development conference held outside of the member's home continent plus confirmation of his or her acceptance of the invitation; (c) provides written support from two other current CDS members on the importance of the presentation to the community development profession; (d) provides a statement (maximum of 750 words) of how the presentation supports the CDS Principles of Good Practice; (e) indicates how she/he will acknowledge the support of CDS at the conference; and (f) following the conference the applicant submits a brief summary of the presentation for write-up in the CDS Vanguard.

An applicant will be judged on the degree to which his or her presentation supports the CDS Principles of Good Practice and the importance of the presentation to the community development profession.

All funds distributed shall be described as having been made available by the CDS Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund.

George Nickolaus CD Graduate Student Award

The late George Nickolaus was a charter member of CDS and served as legal counsel to the organization until his passing. The George Nickolaus family created the fund to honor the memory of George Nickolaus and to support graduate students enrolled in MA/MS or PhD programs, who are focusing on community development at accredited universities. One Scholarship will be offered in 2012 in the amount of \$1,000. Award recipients will be recognized at a plenary session of the CDS Annual International Conference, but need not be present to receive the award.

Grant Criteria: An applicant for George Nickolaus Fund will at a minimum meet the following criteria: (a) is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing, focusing on community development at an accredited graduate degree granting college or university; (b) is currently a member of CDS or joins the organization; (c) submits an essay (maximum of 750 words) describing his or her course of study, academic standing, year of study, the intended uses of the award, and a description of how his or her work reflects the spirit of the award (see list below); and (d) submits a letter of recommendation from a faculty member who verifies the applicant's status and states how the applicant's work reflects the spirit of the award as listed below. A grant recipient may only receive one grant per degree. For example, a student may apply for the grant as an MS/MA student and again as a PhD candidate.

An applicant will be judged on the degree to which his or her work reflects the spirit and legacy of George Nickolaus by:

1. Focusing on the civic life of communities, such as local leadership, local government, and social and economic development.
2. Paying attention to diversity and inclusiveness in community development efforts.
3. Enhancing the knowledge base and the professional development of people involved in community development.

Eligible Grant Activities: The primary intent of the grant is to support tuition expenses. However, if a student has an assistantship, tuition may already be covered. In this case, the grant may be used toward research support and/or living expenses.

Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund was established, to encourage students of good academic standing and CDS Members in good standing to attend the Annual International Conference. An applicant may receive a scholarship only one time. Up to four scholarships will be offered in 2012 at a minimum of \$500 each. The recipients of a scholarship will be recognized at a plenary session of the CDS Annual International Conference.

Student: A student applicant for the Scholarship Fund will at a minimum meet the following criteria: (a) be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program with an emphasis on community development at an accredited college or university; (b) can demonstrate a Grade Point Average of 3.0 minimum with a copy of his or her transcript; (c) submits an essay (maximum of 750 words) describing his or her course of study, academic standing, year of study, the intended uses of the award, and a description of how attending the Conference will enhance his or her work or study; (d) provides evidence of planned involvement in the CDS Annual International Conference by: (1) a letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can verify the applicant's status, plans for involvement at the Conference, and how attending the Conference will enhance the applicant's work or study; and (2) the applicant's commitment to participate in the entire Conference; and (e) is currently a member of CDS or joins the organization.

Member: A member applicant for Scholarship Fund will at a minimum meet the following criteria: (a) be a current member of CDS, as verified by the CDS Secretary or the CDS business office; (b) submits an essay (maximum of 750 words) describing his or her planned participation in the CDS Annual International Conference, including (1) the reason for requesting the monies, (2) how attending the Conference will enhance his or her work, and (3) a formal commitment to attend the entire Conference; and (d) following the conference the applicant submits a brief summary of the personal highlights of the Conference for write-up in the CDS Vanguard.

An applicant will be judged on the degree to which his or her course of study or work in community development will be enhanced by attending the Conference.

Application Process and Deadline For All Scholarships: Applicant letters will be accepted as email, fax, regular mail, or express delivery. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on March 26, 2012. Submit to the CDS Vice-President for Operations:

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