Snell Endowment for Transportation Research
Call for Proposals Deadline: Friday, March 6, noon CST

The Hampton K. and Margaret Frye Snell Endowed Chair in Transportation, administered by the Center for Sustainable Development on behalf of the School of Architecture, is an ongoing resource that supports transportation-related research at The University of Texas at Austin. Snell grants provide either seed funding or matching funding to faculty in the School of Architecture. Proposals with matching financial or in-kind support, or that pursue a challenge grant that builds on the supported investigation will receive additional consideration.

This year, up to four projects will be funded at a maximum of $30,000, with an average award of $20,000. A committee of five School of Architecture faculty and research staff members will review proposals.

Project requirements
- Projects must address a topic related to transportation.
- Projects must be completed by end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year (8/31/2021).
- Proposals must indicate a plan that sustains research and funding beyond the proposed project period.
- Projects that include support for student(s) as research assistants will receive primary consideration. For guidelines on budgeting costs for funding students, please contact the CSD.
- Budgets up to $30,000 will be considered this year; the typical award will average around $20,000.
- Grant applicants who have received a Snell Grant within the previous two years must also explain the impact of that previous grant on their scholarly work (articles published and/or conferences attended), and describe any additional funding that has been awarded to build on the Snell grant.
- Grant recipients will be required to create content for a page on the CSD website, featuring their project, if awarded.

Unallowable costs/Restrictions
- Salary payments to Principal Investigators (PI) or any other academic salaries (e.g. professors, research scientists), including summer salaries, except student research assistants.
- Funding for PI travel for conferences/symposia/etc. is limited to $1,500 per PI per event.
- Funding for student travel for conferences/symposia/etc. is limited to $1,500 per student per event.

Potential Match Funding (Optional)
While not a factor in the Snell project selection, awarded Snell projects are eligible to partially fulfill the required 50% match for grants from the School of Architecture’s Tier 1...
University Transportation Center (UTC). UTC research funding applications have their own competitive application process. Projects will not be eligible for funding from both Snell and UTC, though they may be complementary. Individuals who anticipate applying to both programs must specify if or how the two efforts are related.

Snell funding is also eligible to be used for other external awards as match funding, but it may not be used for both an external award match and UTC match. Snell funds may only be used for match funding for one additional award. Please direct questions regarding matching funds to Sarah Wu (sarahwu@austin.utexas.edu).

Proposal requirements
- The proposal must be no more than two pages in length (not including completed budget template).
- The proposal must include:
  1. Project title
  2. A three-sentence abstract:
     a. One sentence stating the research question (What is the topic or issue investigated?)
     b. One sentence stating the approach to answer the research question (What kind or kinds of research methods will be used?)
     c. One sentence stating the potential research impact (Why does the answer matter?)
  3. Statement of problem (background) and purpose of the study
  4. Specific research question(s)
  5. Scope of investigation
  6. Concise summary of research method(s)
  7. Expected products/outcomes
  8. Statement on how this project contributes to your larger research/creative practice/teaching agenda, including any plans to pursue matching financial/in-kind support and/or subsequent funding.
  9. Project timeline
  10. Budget (please see budget template on the Snell Endowment webpage).

- The submission deadline is Friday, March 6 at noon.
- Submit proposals by email to csd@austin.utexas.edu.