Group Comprehensive Project

The Comprehensive Project is conducted by a group of students working under the advice of a faculty member and a client adviser. These projects simulate real world planning practice in that they incorporate students from various areas of concentration working together to research a problem from multiple planning angles. These projects run for two quarters (usually Winter/Spring) and culminate with a professional report and public presentation. Proposals for the comprehensive projects should incorporate several planning areas (i.e transportation, design, housing, environment, etc.). Funding for these projects is generally shared by the client and department. Details of the project are negotiated with the Department Chair and Graduate Advisor. The accepted proposal will be implemented during the 2020-2021 academic year.

We recommend you submit your proposal by Wednesday, May 20th.

Examples of comprehensive projects:

- Lower LA River Revitalization: An Inclusive Approach to Planning, Implementation, and Community Engagement
- Tacubaya, Adelante! Rethinking Urban Development in Mexico City

Individual Client Project

Client Projects (or Applied Planning Research Projects) are conducted by students working on an individual basis under the advice of a faculty member and a client adviser. Similarly to the comprehensive projects, the client projects culminate with a professional report and poster presentation at Careers, Capstones, and Conversations (CCC): A Networking Night in April each year. Submitted proposals will be emailed to the 2nd year MURP students. Students self-select projects of interest and contact the client directly. Students are required to have a client by October 2020 but most will begin their search in May. Projects run from October 2020 – June 2021. While funding is not required for these projects, clients generally support the student with a stipend or resources needed to successfully complete the project. We welcome project proposals from anywhere in the world!

We recommend you submit your proposal by Friday, August 28th but please note that submitting your proposal earlier will increase your chances of finding a student consultant.

Examples of client projects:

- Making Space for the Public (Poster, Report)
- Enabling Secondary Unit Development in Cudahy (Poster, Report)
- Best Practices in Bus Stop Consolidation and Optimization (Poster, Report)

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