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Call for SNAAP Research Fellows

Summary

The Board of Directors of Arts & Design Alumni Research – dba **Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP)** – is pleased to announce the availability of SNAAP Research Fellowships. Two 12-month SNAAP Research Fellowships will be awarded @ \$5,000 each. Individuals or teams of researchers can apply. The application deadline is August 31, 2019.

Background

The Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP) is a leader in enabling scholarship and insights for bolstering the lives and careers of arts graduates. For over 10 years, SNAAP data have informed the national conversation on the value of an arts degree by collecting, examining and sharing its collection of the most comprehensive and detailed data on arts graduates, which includes data from over 200,000 arts graduates from across North America. SNAAP data are considered the gold standard for what is known about an intensive arts education.

SNAAP wants to build a broad community of researchers and scholars who draw on the rich SNAAP database to inform their work on the creative economy and the value of an arts education.

To further expand existing knowledge about the lives and careers of arts graduates, the Board of Directors of Arts & Design Alumni Research (SNAAP) invites proposals from scholars and researchers to develop and conduct new research using the quantitative items in the SNAAP database of arts alumni and be named SNAAP Research Fellows.

Description of Database

Data will be available from the combined 2015, 2016, and 2017 administrations. A total of 81,900 alumni from 109 institutions responded in these administration years. Respondents are from the high school (4%), undergraduate (72%), and graduate (24%) level at arts intensive high schools, independent arts colleges, or arts departments/programs within larger universities. SNAAP recognizes a broad range of arts disciplines, including visual and performing arts, architecture and design, and applied arts (education, administration, history). Survey questions cover educational experiences, past and current career paths, skills and abilities, arts engagement, debt, and demographics. A summary of the data set can be found in the [Aggregate Report](#). Detailed codebooks of all survey items are available as well.

Fellows will receive guidance on using the data set from the SNAAP Research Scientist at Indiana University, who will also facilitate Fellows' attainment of their SNAAP data-use agreements.

Eligibility

Researchers from any discipline are eligible to apply, including faculty members, graduate students and researchers with affiliations other than institutions of higher education. Researchers who have previously worked with SNAAP data are not eligible. Applicants are welcome to submit project proposals in teams; a total of \$5,000 will be available **per project**. All team members will be identified as SNAAP Research Fellows. For the budget, SNAAP will not accept any indirect costs for institutionally-affiliated recipients.

Fellowship Expectations

The Fellows' final research product may take several forms:

- Peer-reviewed journal article: Fellows are encouraged to publish in peer-reviewed journals and present conference papers. Fellows are expected to provide copies of any publications or conference papers that use the SNAAP data, and acknowledge funding from SNAAP. In addition, each fellow/project will write a [DataBrief](#) regarding their research that can be disseminated by SNAAP. SNAAP will design and disseminate this byproduct of the Fellows' research and provide editorial oversight.
- White paper or report that can be disseminated by SNAAP; SNAAP expects such a deliverable would be a minimum of 5,000 words and subject to SNAAP editorial review. In addition, each fellow/project will write a [DataBrief](#) regarding their research that can be disseminated by SNAAP. SNAAP will design and disseminate this byproduct of the Fellows' research and provide editorial oversight.

Timeline

- Apply by August 31, 2019
- Notification: October-November 2019
- Fellowship: to last up to 12 months, or through December 31, 2020
- Payment: Payment will be divided into two halves. It is anticipated that the first payment will be made by January 2020 and the final payment upon receipt of the deliverable, anticipated in December 2020.

Evaluation Process

SNAAP staff will review the proposals for eligibility and make recommendations to the SNAAP board members, who will make the final decisions. Evaluation criteria will include qualifications of applicant and prior record of research, as well as timeliness and potential impact of topic.

Examples of SNAAP research: [DataBriefs](#) and [Reports](#)

HOW TO APPLY

Submit the following information in one PDF document to snaap@indiana.edu no later than August 31, 2019:

- Applicant's name, title, postal address, telephone, email
- Motivation for topic of research and research question(s) (2 to 3 paragraphs)
- Proposed topic of research and brief description of intended analyses (2 to 3 paragraphs)
- Proposed audience of interest for the proposed topic and anticipated impact (1-2 paragraphs)
- Proposed deliverable (DataBrief, white paper, etc.)
- Applicant's CV

QUESTIONS?

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Angie Miller, SNAAP Research Analyst at anglmill@indiana.edu with specific questions about the database; and/or Sally Gaskill, SNAAP Director, with general questions about the fellowship at gaskill@indiana.edu.

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