Advancing the Human Condition Symposium Grants

The Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition Destination Area (ESDHC DA) is offering grants of up to $10,000 to support short conference, symposia, or forums that take a transdisciplinary approach to compelling topics of our time. Initiatives selected to co-brand as an Advancing the Human Condition program are ones that premise equity as a driving force of its deliberations.

Criteria for an Advancing the Human Condition Symposium Grant:

The proposed initiative:

- Furthers the goals of the ESDHC DA, of scholarly inquiry around equity and the human condition, including but not limited to the equitable distribution and availability of physical safety and well-being, psychological well-being, access to crucial material, social, and moral resources.
- Collaborates across colleges, Destination Areas, and Strategic Growth Areas in developing the scholarly inquiry, as well as engages public scholars, scholar practitioners or artists / performers to contribute their expertise to the event.
- Includes a plan for robust audience interaction in addition to having a keynote and/or expert panel.
- Connects with curricular and / or outreach opportunities related to the topic area.

Selected initiatives agree to:

- Co-brand the event with ESDH DA using the Advancing the Human Condition logos.
- Provide proceedings from the event that can be published in VTechWorks.

To apply:

Prepare a one-page request that demonstrates how the proposed event meets each of the four criteria listed above:

- Furthering scholarly inquiry around equity and the human condition.
- Collaborating across disciplinary areas to address the topic.
- Leveraging audience engagement.
- Having curricular and/or outreach impacts.

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Requests accepted on a rolling basis.