

Request for Proposals

Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture

At the Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture (GCA), we imagine a future in which all communities are designed for resiliency and empowered to maximize their social, economic and environmental well-being. GCA's allied disciplines include: Architecture, Construction Science, Environmental Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Regional & City Planning, and Urban Design.

OU Institute for Quality Communities (IQC)

The University of Oklahoma Institute for Quality Communities (IQC) is a community engagement program in the GCA offering conceptual design and planning assistance projects to support experiential learning for students in the GCA.

Project Partners

Community partners are typically governments, non-profits, or community groups. Most projects will include community engagement efforts to gather input from the public. Project partners play a role in setting project scopes, coordinating with the community, and evaluating student proposals.

Project Teams

Project teams are led by IQC staff or faculty in the Gibbs College of Architecture, and team members consist of graduate assistants or students in classrooms and design studios.

Project Formats

The scope and format of a project will be determined in consultation with the selected community partners. Projects range from a 1-day site visit with a follow-up report to intensive semester-long collaborations.

Questions?

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IQC Assistance Projects

Community assistance projects are a collaborative effort between IQC, GCA, and representatives from communities in Oklahoma. Projects result in conceptual design and planning assistance. Common topics include land use, urban design, public spaces, historic preservation, streetscapes, and other aspects of the built environment. Studio courses may also address building projects, with particular emphasis on multi-family housing, senior housing, healthcare, commercial and industrial building types, or cultural facilities.

View example projects at iqc.ou.edu.

Proposal Instructions

Please respond to the following questions to provide an overview of your community, site, and project proposal. You may include additional information, photographs, graphics, or maps. The IQC team may contact you for additional details. If your proposal is accepted, the IQC team will work with community partners to further develop a scope of work, timeline, and estimate of cost.

1. Primary Contact: List the contact information, organization, and title for the primary contact.
2. Project Partners: Describe the role or mission of the primary project partner(s) in the community.
3. Partnerships: Include 3-5 brief statements of support for the project from additional partners, potential supporters, or residents within the community.
4. Site: Describe the area or specific site where the project will take place.
5. Need: Describe the challenges of the site or the needs that could be addressed.
6. Funding and Resources: Describe available funding or background resources* identified to support the project.
7. Impact: Describe the potential impact of this project for the community.

** Project costs vary depending on scope, generally ranging between \$3,500 and \$25,000. Funding assistance may be available. Background resources that may help the IQC team include data, background information, and related prior efforts. (GIS or AutoCAD files, planning documents, etc.)*



Oklahoma Municipal League Matching Funds

An opportunity to receive matching funds is available through the Oklahoma Municipal League. To apply for matching funds, include a letter of support from a city staff member or elected official. Visit oml.org for more information.

Submission Instructions

Submit your proposal in electronic format to umander@ou.edu by April 18, 2019.

Selection Criteria and Timeline for Projects in 2019-20

Assistance projects are selected based on their fit with the OU College of Architecture's current curricula, student learning objectives, and timelines. IQC strives to include communities with a mix of population sizes and geographic locations.

Proposals Due	April 18, 2019
Notification of Selection	May 16, 2019
Refinement of Scope	Summer 2019
Project Timeline	Summer 2019 through Spring 2020