Announcing 2021 C4I Transdisciplinary Graduate Fellows

The Transdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship Program (TGFP) is a unique opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary research, promote the next generation of citizen leaders to address the most challenging questions of our time, and advance interdisciplinary research and education at MSU while preparing the next generation of citizen leaders to address the most challenging questions of our time. The TGFP supports the educational mission of C4I by providing graduate students at MSU with cross-disciplinary training opportunities.

The TGFP will provide teams of graduate students from different disciplines the opportunity to work with a community partner on a consequential problem while receiving training in transdisciplinary team research practice from the MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity. By creating a community of practice involving university and community partners, the TGFP aims to train future transdisciplinary researchers and a desire to work with a community partner on a consequential problem.

The detailed application description can be found here: https://c4i.msu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2020/11/TGFP-2021-Call-for-Applications.pdf

**Request for Applications**

If you have any questions about TGFP or C4I, please contact us:

Broto Affinity: broto-affinity@msu.edu

To apply, go to: https://broto-affinity.heysummit.com/?sc=tFBzUfJB

Register here: https://affinity.heysummit.com/talks/affinity-panel/

More information on the event here: https://broto-affinity.heysummit.com/?sc=tFBzUfJB

**Deadline for all applications is December 7, 2020. Applicants will be interviewed in a panel for the mid-Michigan area. Successful applicants will have an interview round, with interviews taking place between December 18, 2020, with acceptances due by December 23, 2020.**

As participants in the TGFP, fellows will receive the following:

- A $5,000 fellowship paid out in two installments – one at the beginning of the fellowship period, January to August 2021
- Networking with peers, leaders in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and a desire to work with a community partner on a consequential problem while receiving training in transdisciplinary team research practice.
- Professional development in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and a desire to work with a community partner on a consequential problem while receiving training in transdisciplinary team research practice.
- A 12-week virtual TGFP intensive short course during Jan 2021 in which you will have the opportunity to form teams, work on a project, get feedback from experts on your ideas, and develop project feasibility and implementation plans.
- Meet with experience working across disciplines and will be able to collaborate with community partners to make a positive difference in the community.
- The opportunity to develop and lead an interdisciplinary team project.
- Participation in the TGFP intensive short course which will convene the following three major components:
  - Professional development in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and a desire to work with a community partner on a consequential problem while receiving training in transdisciplinary team research practice.
  - Meet with experience working across disciplines and will be able to collaborate with community partners to make a positive difference in the community.
  - The opportunity to develop and lead an interdisciplinary team project.

**Number of Fellows**

The TGFP is seeking 10 to 15 teams of graduate students (2-3 students per team). The teams will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Professional development in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and a desire to work with a community partner on a consequential problem while receiving training in transdisciplinary team research practice.
- Meet with experience working across disciplines and will be able to collaborate with community partners to make a positive difference in the community.
- The opportunity to develop and lead an interdisciplinary team project.

* Participate in the virtual TGFP intensive short course during Jan 2021
* Collaboratively develop final projects with one’s teammates and the community partner
* Networking with peers, leaders in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and a desire to work with a community partner on a consequential problem while receiving training in transdisciplinary team research practice.
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**Description of TGFP**

The TGFP is a multi-year graduate research program for master’s and PhD students interested in becoming effective leaders and scholars in evidence-based, practice-oriented, and equitable approaches to addressing some of the most challenging social, economic, and health issues facing our communities. The TGFP trains the next generation of transdisciplinary researchers who can be strategic partners in the development of science-based solutions to national and global problems.

The TGFP is a collaborative effort between the MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity and many university and community partners. The TGFP is designed to be an innovative model for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, cross-disciplinary training and professional development, and community engagement. The TGFP provides teams of graduate students from different disciplines the opportunity to work with a community partner on a consequential problem while receiving training in transdisciplinary team research practice.

**More about TGFP:**

- The TGFP is primarily focused on social justice and equity-driven interdisciplinary research. The TGFP is a unique opportunity for graduate students to engage in interdisciplinary research, promote the next generation of citizen leaders to address the most challenging questions of our time, and advance interdisciplinary research and education at MSU while preparing the next generation of citizen leaders to address the most challenging questions of our time. The TGFP supports the educational mission of C4I by providing graduate students at MSU with cross-disciplinary training opportunities.

For more information, please visit our website: https://c4i.msu.edu/

**Upcoming Broto: Art-Climate-Science Event: Affinity:**

**Dec 04, 2020**

**Akap Baker-Bell**

* English, African American and African Studies*

“*We Need a Teacher-Researcher-Activist*: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Antiracist Medical Education*

In this presentation, Dr. Baker-Bell will discuss her current research, which focuses on the effectiveness of an antiracist medical curriculum intervention. Her work involves examining how anti-Black racism is perpetuated in medical school curricula, and (2) developing, implementing, and studying interdisciplinary research projects working with a team of medical researchers and students.

The presentation will be held online via Zoom at 12-1PM on December 4, 2020. Details about the presentation and registration can be found here: https://c4i.msu.edu/events/3021

We’re continuing to program virtual events and opportunities here at MSU C4I through Spring 2021. If you are interested in giving a virtual presentation, please contact us at c4i@msu.edu.

**About Dr. Baker-Bell**

April Baker-Bell is an Associate Professor of English and African American and African Studies at Michigan State University. Dr. Baker-Bell’s work focuses on the intersection of literature and public policy, specifically regarding health and race. Dr. Baker-Bell is the author of *Silt* and *Night & Ox*, both of which treat his experience after 9-11 and time in the military. His chapbooks include *The Body of the Sentence*, *In Words Away from Nowhere*, and *Night & Ox*. His chapbooks include *The Body of the Sentence*, *In Words Away from Nowhere*, and *Night & Ox*. His chapbooks include *The Body of the Sentence*, *In Words Away from Nowhere*, and *Night & Ox*. His chapbooks include *The Body of the Sentence*, *In Words Away from Nowhere*, and *Night & Ox*. His chapbooks include *The Body of the Sentence*, *In Words Away from Nowhere*, and *Night & Ox*.

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