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CCCD Announces New Materials-Based Research Grant Opportunity

Grants up to \$15,000 available for collaborative research in arts and sciences

ASHEVILLE, NC – The Center for Craft, Creativity & Design (CCCD) is proud to announce a new, pilot grant initiative that will support the expanding definition of craft-based research and promote collaboration between the fields of Craft, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

The **Materials-Based Research Grant** is an award of up to \$15,000 granted to interdisciplinary teams of researchers for an 18-month grant period. The goal of these collaborations is to encourage mutually beneficial innovation in Craft and STEM through focusing on materials and process-based research. The teams should include one maker and one professional working in a STEM-based field (e.g. Material Science, Manufacturing, Environmental Studies, Medicine, Structural Engineering, etc.). This may include academics, researchers, scientists, full-time makers, or other skilled specialists.

"Craft has been a key force in innovation since even before the Industrial Revolution," says CCCD Executive Director Stephanie Moore. "The Materials-Based Research Grant carries this important legacy into the 21st century, asking: what does craft practice, experimentation, and application look like outside the field of Art."

Encouraging cross-disciplinarity between craft and other fields is a particular focus of CCCD and is explored throughout its various programmatic platforms. Since 2005, CCCD's Craft Research Fund Grants have supported cross-disciplinary approaches to craft scholarship. In addition, past exhibitions have addressed the intersections of craft and sound, digital technology, design, social justice, and community engagement. The Materials-Based Research Grant continues to extend CCCD's focus on craft's relevance to other disciplines. A 2018 exhibition on materials-based research is planned for CCCD's Benchspace Gallery & Workshop and will include both awarded projects.

Grant guidelines and applications are available at craftcreativitydesign.slideroom.com. The application deadline is Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 11:59 pm EST. Recipients will be notified, grants will publicly announced, and projects will begin in March 2017.

The Materials-Based Research Grant program is administered by The Center for Craft, Creativity & Design and supported by the Windgate Fund at the [Community Foundation of Western North Carolina](#).

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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CRAFT, CREATIVITY & DESIGN

Founded in 1996, The Center for Craft, Creativity & Design (CCCD) is a national 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the field of craft through fostering new ideas, funding craft scholarship, and backing the next generation of makers, curators and critics. CCCD has developed a strong national reputation as a significant resource for artists, museums, academic researchers, university students and arts organizations. Each year, CCCD administers over a quarter million dollars in grants to those working in the craft field.

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