

Submit Project Ideas for the MSUP Capstone Projects

The Urban Planning faculty invite project idea submissions for the PLG 611 Projects in Urban Planning capstone. This is a studio-based course where students will work in teams to produce professional-quality planning work during the Spring 2024 15-week semester. Students will be practicing planning skills that they have developed so far in your master's program and learning how to deliver a complex, multi-part, professional project in a collaborative team environment. Students from each concentration area are expected to learn how to work collaboratively with allied disciplines and community partners.

As a capstone course, PLG 611 builds on previous coursework to bring together skills and knowledge to give students proficiency in the following:

- Communication: graphic, written, and verbal
- Planning tools: analysis, diverse types of data, software
- Key planning elements: comprehensive plan making, field area proficiency, equity, ethics, sustainability
- Professional practice: project planning, team management/mechanics, team interaction, interface with community client

Project Idea Submission Guidelines

Project idea submissions should not identify a project team, but instead aim to capture a range of interdisciplinary skills that allows students to touch on at least two urban planning concentration topic areas. The current concentrations included in the MSUP program are: Sustainable Transportation Planning; Responsible Real Estate Development; Environmental Planning; and Heritage Conservation.

Project idea submissions should be no more than one page summary including the following:

- Scope the project including a description of the potential outcomes (e.g., deliverables, products) and the need for the project.
- An identification of potential practitioner clients which may include, but are not limited to: public agencies, advocates, private companies, or a consortium of stakeholders.
- A summary describing the concentration topic areas needed for the project.
- A description of the potential skills required to complete the project.

Project idea submissions may also include up to a 1-page resource list in addition to the summary page. MSUP faculty will review project ideas and the ability for projects to capture PLG 611 course objectives within the timeline of the course. Selected project ideas may be modified in scope to align with the course needs.

Submit your project ideas and/or questions to Kristina Currans at curransk@arizona.edu by September 1, 2023. We look forward to reviewing your ideas!