The Design Discovery Fund [DDF] was established in 2018 through the IIDA Great Plains Chapter sponsorship campaign. It is intended to support member participation in activities that pertain to education, knowledge or research within the interior design profession and that could have a positive impact on the Great Plains Chapter design community.

This fund provides up to $3500 to be distributed annually in varying amounts to members of the IIDA Great Plains Chapter. The number of awards may vary each year.

Mission: To strengthen the IIDA Great Plains Chapter community by supporting its members in learning that is linked to the advancement of interior design professional development.

Values:

- We ignite a passion for curiosity, lifelong learning and mindfulness.
- We empower our members in reaching their career and personal goals.
- We innovate and educate our members through collaboration and leadership.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a current IIDA Great Plains Chapter member in good standing.
- Applicant must have been an IIDA member for at least 3 consecutive years.
- Applicants are not encouraged to seek funding for the activity from their employer or other sources, however, if there is a financial gap, the applicant may receive secondary assistance from one other source.
- Eligible activities must pertain to education, knowledge or research within the interior design profession. Examples of eligible activities include, but are not limited to:
  - Greenbuild, Living Futures, Healthcare Design or other conferences
  - Dale Carnegie, Living Building Challenge, LEED workshops or other training
  - Teaching a training course or give presentation within the Great Plains Chapter
  - Travel to rural Iowa and/or Nebraska to educate the public on interior design legislation
  - Photography, graphic design class
  - College-level class
  - Note: NCIDQ and LEED exams are not eligible. IIDA National offers reimbursement for these exams

DEADLINES

- Applications will be available June 15, 2020
- Final applications must be submitted by July 27, 2020
- Recipient(s) will be announced during Virtual Elevate in October 2020
RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

Within 30 days of the activity being completed, award recipients must submit a written or video summary of their activity for use as a blog post on the IIDA Great Plains Chapter website and/or on social media accounts. This should include supporting photographic and/or sketch documentation. This post becomes the property of the IIDA Great Plains Chapter. The recipient may also be required to make an in-person presentation to IIDA Great Plains Chapter members and the local design community about their activity. The final deliverable should include:

- Brief explanation of the goals of the activity, and the personal relevance to the recipient
- Outline of experiences, progress and conclusions
- Description of how the resulting knowledge could have a positive impact towards the advancement of interior design professional development

Award recipients are required to submit receipts to IIDA Great Plains Chapter within 30 days after the activity is complete.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Application Form, available June 15, 2020
- Description of the activity, clearly demonstrating how the activity meets them mission of the Great Plains Chapter DDF
- Activity must occur during the 2021 calendar year
- Itinerary, if applicable
- An estimated budget for activity, including itemized list of anticipated costs [i.e. course registration fee, flight, hotel, food]
- Description of additional funds you are seeking, include employer reimbursement

SELECTION & DISTRIBUTION

- The DDF Committee will recommend recipients to the IIDA Great Plains Chapter Board. The Board will vote to determine final award recipients. The DDF Committee and the Board reserve the right to award funds to any number of recipients, in any amount, including the right to select no recipients in any given year.
- Recipients will be announced at the Fall Signature Event. Recipients will be notified approximately 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Recipients will be recognized on the IIDA Great Plains Chapter website, social media accounts and email newsletter after the public announcement at the Fall Signature Event.
- Recipients will receive up to 50% of the amount awarded prior to the activity in calendar year 2020. The remaining 50% will be distributed when the recipient has submitted receipts and written or video summary of their activity for use as a blog post on the IIDA Great Plains Chapter website and/or on social media accounts.