



grant opportunities [collaborative spaces]

## Call for Proposals: GROCS 2008

### A **Digital Media Commons** program to fund student research on the use of digital media in collaborative learning

Grant Opportunities [Collaborative Spaces] (GROCS) seeks student-initiated projects that use digital media to enhance an academic activity. Teams must be interdisciplinary, and collaboration must be a significant and integral part of the project, either in its progress or as its outcome.

**Project proposal forms are available at <http://mblog.lib.umich.edu/GROCS/> and must be submitted on or before November 1, 2007.**

#### Selected Projects Will Receive

- \$2500 unrestricted cash grant per student team member (up to 4 per each team). \$2,000 will be provided during the first month of the semester; the balance upon completion of the Wrap and Community Participation Requirement (see below).
- \$1000 per advisor (1), to be provided during the first month of the semester.
- Equipped workspace in a collaborative environment at the Duderstadt Center
- Limited funding for additional project-specific equipment to be retained by the University

#### Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by a panel composed of students, faculty members, and Digital Media Commons staff members. Selection will be based on the degree to which the project encompasses the following:

- A vision for enhancing academic activity (teaching, learning or research)
- Collaboration as a means to improve the quality of academic activity.
- Digital media as a tool for the above
- Interdisciplinary perspectives among the team members

These are guidelines for the minimum requirement - satisfying the above does not guarantee selection. Selection is based on the judges' evaluation of relative merit among all proposals submitted

## Project Requirements

Teams may include 2 to 4 students and must include one faculty advisor or GSI. All student members of the team must be enrolled as full-time students at the University of Michigan in the Winter Term, 2008.

Projects must be accomplished during the Winter 08 academic semester. Each team will define a Wrap appropriate to the project (preferably a performance, a working prototype, a software demo; not a report). Completion of the Wrap is required for the final installment of the grant.

Students may receive academic credit or not, according to their arrangements with their faculty advisors.

## Community Participation Requirement

GROCS is both an environment for developing collaborative tools and a collaborative, community experience.

- GROCS teams will attend the weekly "all GROCS" gathering, to hear from and learn from each other
- GROCS teams will publish work in progress, to be shared with the university community.

## Sponsors

GROCS is a program of the Digital Media Commons and is sponsored by the Office of the Provost

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