

Call for Proposals (CFP) for the 1st CAPPA Research & Creative Works Symposium

Theme: “Designing the Future Metropolis: Community-Centered, Intelligent, and Resilient Solutions for a Thriving North Texas”

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Time: 9 am to 7:30 pm

Location: CAPPA

As North Texas continues to experience unprecedented growth, our region stands at a pivotal crossroads: how do we build urban habitats and living spaces that are smarter, sustainable, and more resilient?

The *Designing the Future Metropolis* symposium will serve as an interdisciplinary platform convening researchers, designers, practitioners, community leaders, policymakers, and students to engage in critical discourse on the future of urban environments. Anchored in the principle of placing “people and space” at the core of metropolitan innovation, the symposium highlights a human-centered approach to urban development. This year’s thematic focus examines the foundational pillars that shape contemporary and future cities, including “human-centered design,” “intelligent systems,” “sustainability,” “housing,” “habitat,” “urban & architecture Theory,” “governance and administration,” “infrastructure,” “transportation,” “policymaking,” “nonprofits & grassroots organizations,” “advocacy,” and “resilience.”

By showcasing research and creative works across the disciplines of CAPPA, the symposium aims to foster dialogue and develop well-rounded solutions that address the complex social, technological, and ecological challenges confronting metropolitan regions in the 21st century.

We invite proposals that address the complex challenges and opportunities shaping North Texas and similar metropolitan regions. We welcome submissions that explore, but are not limited to, the following areas:

Community-Centered Urban Design

- Participatory planning & civic engagement
- Attainable housing & community development
- Public space, placemaking, and cultural districts

Intelligent Cities & Emerging Technologies

- Smart design, infrastructure, and additive manufacturing
- Data-informed urban planning, design, and governance
- AI, integrative design, automation, and mobility futures

Resilient & Sustainable Futures

- Climate adaptation and disaster preparedness
- Energy transition, water management, and green infrastructure
- Food systems, public health, and environmental justice

Regional Systems & Integration

- Transportation and mobility networks
- Governance, policy, and regional collaboration
- Economic development and workforce transformation

Who Can Participate? We invite proposals from all faculty and students of CAPPA.

Interdisciplinary and collaborative proposals are strongly encouraged. The proposals could be about your current research and creative works

Submission Guidelines for Research/ Creative Works Presentations and Poster Sessions:

- Proposal Deadline: Nov 10, 2025
- Format: Abstracts of up to 500 words that include relevance to the theme, methodology, and anticipated outcomes
- Submission Form: **INSERT LINK**
- Notification of Acceptance: Dec 12, 2025

Accepted proposals may be presented in the form of:

- Oral presentations of your current research / creative works
- Studio projects completed in Fall 2025.
- Poster sessions of your current research/ creative works

Review, Selection & Recognition:

The Research Symposium Committee, comprising program directors from CAPPA and chaired by the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Success, will review the proposals, select those for presentation, and provide recommendations for awards, including Best Research Paper/Project and Best Poster.

For any questions, please contact the Associate Dean, Dr. Karabi Bezboruah at bezboruah@uta.edu