

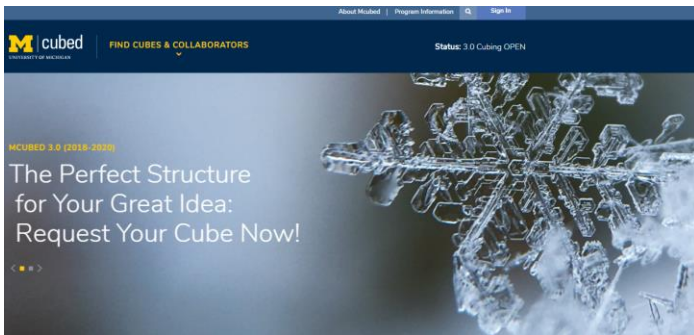


## RESEARCH UPDATES

### March 20, 2019

### Mcubed 3.0 last phase

There are now a total of 16 cubes that formed involving UM-Flint faculty. Two cubes have formed since the [first-come first-serve](#) phase opened on March 13, 2019. And there is one UM-Flint faculty member who is part of a Diamond Project.



Now that Mcubed has entered this [final](#) phase, faculty teams can request a cube at any time, whenever they team up with other eligible faculty with available tokens to commit. There are [no more semi-random](#) lotteries in this last phase of Mcubed 3.0. Instead, cubes form as soon as they are requested, as long as the basic Mcubed program requirements are met and funding is available in a faculty member's home unit.

The remaining funding will stay in place until it runs out. Mcubed director Mark Burns indicates, based on the experience of previous rounds of Mcubed, it may be August before funding is exhausted across most of the units. And if funding is not exhausted by August, the Mcubed program staff plan to keep the rolling cube formation open until December, 2019.

Be sure to visit the [Status of All Tokens](#) table to see if your unit still has tokens available to form cubes! (Note: To view the table, you must login using your unickname and kerberos password)

### Units with No Funding Available

Several UMF units have reached their funding limits for tokens in classic cubes (worth \$60K) and/or mini-cubes (worth \$15K). If you come from one of these units, **know that you can still participate in a cube as an additional team member who contributes knowledge and expertise, and your name can be included on the cube's project card within the Mcubed website.** (In fact, cubes very often involve more than three faculty members.) But you won't be contributing a token to form the cube. It can only be formed by three faculty from units that have funded tokens available.

### Remaining UM-Flint Mcubed Funds

At UM-Flint there are **still \$175,000** in Mcubed funds available across five units, the Libraries, CAS, SEHS, SOM and SON. The table below shows the current availability of mini-tokens (at the \$5,000 scale). Substantial funding still exists in Education, Social Work, SOM, and SON to form new projects.

### UM-Flint, Mini-Tokens Still Available (03-20-2019)

Unit (faculty in system)	Available	In Requested	
		Cubes	Funds
Art & Design (5)	0	\$	-
Business (24)	9	\$	45,000
Education (15)	9	\$	45,000
Engineering (18)	0	\$	-
Libraries (9)	4	\$	20,000
LSA: Humanities (29)	0	\$	-
LSA: Natural Sciences (37)	0	\$	-
LSA: Social Sciences (32)	3	\$	15,000
Medicine (14)	0	\$	-
Music, Theatre, & Dance (9)	0	\$	-
Nursing (24)	6	\$	30,000
Public Health (15)	0	\$	-
Social Work (4)	4	\$	20,000
Total		\$	175,000

UMF Faculty should also think about the remaining funding on the Dearborn and Ann Arbor campuses. If you haven't taken the opportunity to examine some of the projects that have taken shape thus far, it is worth browsing through the projects in your field using the filtering tools in Mcubed or doing some keyword searching.

There are 5 mini tokens left at UM-Dearborn and the equivalent of 725 mini tokens left at UM-Ann Arbor (or \$3.625 million). Most of the availability in Ann Arbor is in Public Health and Engineering, but there is still available funding in the natural sciences, social sciences, school of information, and school for environment and sustainability.

**To reconstitute your team of collaborators:** The project creator should login to the Mcubed website, open the project card, and then click the “x” next to the name of the collaborator(s) he/she wishes to remove/replace. The project creator will need to invite a new collaborator(s) whose unit has sufficient funding to join the project.

### UM Ann Arbor, Mini-Tokens Still Available (03-20-2019)

Unit (faculty in system)	Available	In Requested	
		Cubes	Funds
Architecture & Urban Planning	1	\$	5,000
Art & Design (38)	0	\$	-
Business (109)	0	\$	-
Dentistry (74)	15	\$	75,000
Education (43)	32	\$	160,000
Engineering (489)	200	\$	1,000,000
Information (58)	35	\$	175,000
Institute for Social Research (1)	3	\$	15,000
Kinesiology (37)	32	\$	160,000
Law (85)	3	\$	15,000
Libraries (171)	1	\$	5,000
Life Sciences Institute (28)	1	\$	5,000
LSA: Humanities (350)	18	\$	90,000
LSA: Natural Sciences (399)	22	\$	110,000
LSA: Social Sciences (242)	17	\$	85,000
Medicine (3, 803)	88	\$	440,000
Music, Theatre, & Dance (152)	4	\$	20,000
Nursing (101)	0	\$	-
Pharmacy (47)	3	\$	15,000
Public Health (176)	130	\$	650,000
Public Policy (27)	16	\$	80,000
School for Environment and Su	27	\$	135,000
Social Work (66)	2	\$	10,000
UMOR Units (11)	75	\$	375,000
	Total	\$	3,625,000

**To free up your token:** If the faculty member who originally created your project comes from a unit that has used up its tokens, that person cannot currently serve as one of the three token-contributing collaborators on the team. Instead, you can form a different trio of faculty members. In this case, you will need to ask the faculty project creator from your previous project to release your token.

### Ask Questions.

The Mcubed staff hope that you will propose a cube with the remaining funds or explore forming a new project team, and are glad to consult with you about your particular situation. You can reach the Mcubed team at [mcubedinfo@umich.edu](mailto:mcubedinfo@umich.edu) or 734-763-2453. Or contact Ken Sylvester in the UM-Flint Office of Research, 810-766-6842, with questions.

## HFRCC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, MARCH 15, 2019, RIVERFRONT CENTER

The Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center (HFRCC) held its second annual Research Symposium at the Riverfront Banquet Center on Friday March 15. The HFRCC is a community-academic partnership with a goal of establishing equitable relationships between community and academia. It is a collaboration between Community Based Organization Partners – Community Ethics Review Board (CBOP-CERB) and the National Center for African American Health Consciousness (NCAAHC), and Michigan State University, the University of Michigan – Flint and the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor.



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### SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTE

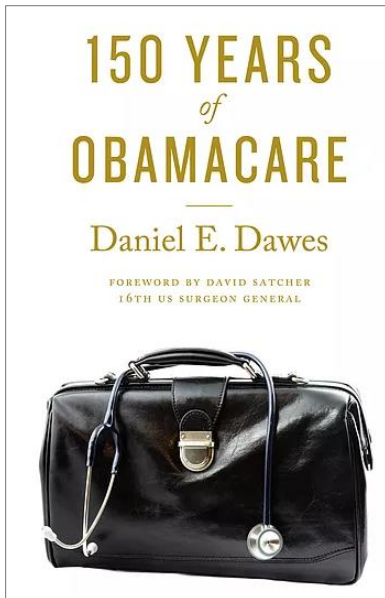
Daniel E. Dawes



The keynote speaker for the event was health care advocate and attorney Daniel E. Dawes, a nationally recognized leader in the movement to advance health equity in under-resourced, vulnerable and marginalized communities. A health policy expert and persuasive advocate for health equity, Dawes has been at the forefront of recent major federal

health policy negotiations in the United States. Among his many achievements, he was an instrumental figure in shaping the Mental Health Parity Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, and the Affordable Care Act (“ObamaCare”). Dawes’ talk focused on the long history of health equity issues in the United States, arguing that the concept dates to the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, in the period before the Civil War. The argument is part of Dawes’ recent book, *150 Years of Obamacare* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016) which

sheds light on the origins of many of the reforms that were implemented as part of the Affordable Care Act.



Professor Dawes was a model of the engaged scholar, meeting with Flint middle schoolers who presented on their science projects during the midday poster session at the symposium, and signing copies of his book at the end of the afternoon.

The event was the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual symposium and was attended by over 220 participants and presenters.

## RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

A Joint Career Development Workshop presented by the UM/M-LEEd and Wayne State/CURES NIEHS Environmental Health Centers

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**Monday, May 6, 2019 10:00am- 3:00pm**

### Strategies for Building and Managing a Successful Research Team

Hussey Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) Michigan League  
911 N University Ave  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Planning to attend this event? Please e-mail your name, title, and affiliation to Michelle Daoud at [lowdenm@umich.edu](mailto:lowdenm@umich.edu). This information will be used to send parking information and agenda closer to the event date.

If you have any questions please contact:

M-LEEd Career Development Leader, Gil Omenn, MD, PhD at [gomenn@med.umich.edu](mailto:gomenn@med.umich.edu)

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## NSF CAREER AWARD WORKSHOPS

The UM College of Engineering will be holding an early career workshop for all UM faculty (all three campuses) interested in pursuing an NSF CAREER award. The NSF CAREER Workshop will be held **Monday, May 6, 2019, 12:00-1:30 PM** in 1180 Duderstadt on North Campus.

UMF early career faculty interested in attending should contact Ken Sylvester in the Office of Research. Details on the agenda will be announced in the next few weeks.

## NIH R-15 Eligibility at UM-Flint

Many faculty have been asking about the R-15 funding mechanism at National Institutes of Health. There have been no NIH awards in Michigan's 5 Congressional District in the last 5 years. The Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15) program supports small-scale research projects to expose students to research and strengthen the research environment at educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH support. UMF faculty are eligible to apply until local NIH support exceeds \$6 million per year. The R-15 awards allow for up to \$300,000 in direct costs over 3 years.

Depending on which NIH center or institute to which you plan to apply, there are several ways to obtain sample applications and summary statements (reviews). [NIAID](#) maintains online samples for those interested in the physical sciences. UM Medical School also has proposal samples and you can contact Ken Sylvester to discuss your interests and the requirements for an R-15 application. The decision tree for eligibility is also [online](#).