



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

LAF Case Study Investigation Program

Department Head Form

The Landscape Architecture Foundation's (LAF) *Case Study Investigation* (CSI) program is a unique research collaboration and training program in which LAF-funded faculty-student research teams and designers assess and document the environmental, social, and economic benefits of exemplary high-performing landscape projects. The next CSI program will run from February 2 to August 3, 2026.

Participation in the *Case Study Investigation* program requires a time commitment of 1-5 hours per week from February to May and 5-20 hours per week from June to early August on part of the faculty researcher and access to basic university services (computer, internet, telephone, library databases).

For each student-faculty team selected to participate in CSI, LAF will provide a stipend, payable to the university entity designated to receive funds on the team's behalf.

For 1 Case Study Brief: a \$500 honorarium for the faculty member, a \$4,500 stipend for the student, and up to 12% (\$600) in Facilities and Administration costs. LAF's Facilities and Administration policy is available upon request from mbarnes@lafoundation.org or [here](#).

For 2 Case Study Briefs: a \$1,000 honorarium for the faculty member, a \$9,000 stipend for the student, and up to 12% (\$1,200) in Facilities and Administration costs. LAF's Facilities and Administration policy is available upon request from mbarnes@lafoundation.org or [here](#).

All case studies produced through CSI undergo an intensive, iterative review process with LAF and receive feedback from at least one independent reviewer. LAF retains final approval and editorial rights. Participation in CSI does not guarantee that a resulting case study will be published in the *Landscape Performance Series*.

With my signature, I indicate my approval of this application and the faculty member's potential participation in the 2026 CSI program. An electronic (typed) signature is acceptable.

Signature of Department Head or Chair (required)

Date

Print name