



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RESEARCH EXCHANGE RESOURCES

This is a compilation of resources for participants in the LAF-CELA-hosted Landscape Architecture Research Exchange event held on January 22, 2026. Resources are selected to be accessible and applicable to practitioners. More information can be accessed [here](#). Resources will not be updated.

Programs and Resources

Ready to partner on a research initiative? LAF and CELA offer several programs and free resources to support collaborative research efforts.

1. [Case Study Investigation](#) (LAF)
 - A unique research collaboration and training program in which LAF funded faculty-student research teams work with leading practitioners to document the impacts of exemplary, high-performing landscape projects and produce Case Study Briefs for LAF's *Landscape Performance Series*.
2. [CLASS Fund Research Grant](#) (CELA)
 - The Bob Cardoza/CLASS Fund is a \$25,000 grant opportunity supporting scholarship and research among academic units in landscape architecture, horticulture and related fields.
3. [Deb Mitchell Research Grant](#) (LAF)
 - A \$25,000 grant opportunity that supports a research project that is relevant and impactful for practice and can be completed in a 12- to 18-month period.
4. [Landscape Journal](#) (CELA)
 - The official journal of CELA, *Landscape Journal* offers in-depth exploration of ideas and challenges that are central to contemporary design, planning, and teaching. Besides scholarly features, it includes editorial columns, creative work, reviews of books, conferences, technology, and exhibition – as well as contributions from practice.
5. [CELA Annual Conference & CELA Abstract Proceedings](#) (CELA)
 - Typically held in March each year, the annual CELA conference aims to strengthen the networks, practices, and ideas that will shape our field into the future. Attendance is recommended for practitioners who hope to engage in research and make connections.
6. [How to Start a Collaborative Research Conversation](#) resource (LAF)
 - A two-page guide to facilitate direct conversations among academics and professionals and help set the stage for effective research partnerships.
7. [How to Develop a Research Question](#) resource (LAF)
 - Short and accessible LAF guidance on crafting a clear and focused research question, with references and further reading.

8. [Landscape Research Record](#) (CELA)

- Published annually, LRR consists of papers on landscape architecture subject areas. Each issue is a collection of papers presented at the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture annual conference of that year.

9. [Landscape Performance Series](#) (LAF)

- Website and set of resources featuring a wide range of landscape performance research with actionable findings and insights for practitioners.

Core Landscape Architecture-Oriented Resources for Research

Recommended resources for basic research skills to support practitioner understanding of research concepts.

1. [Research 101 for Landscape Architecture Practitioners](#) webinar with Megan Barnes (LAF) and James LaGro, Jr. (CELA)

- **What's it about?** Part of the Landscape Architecture Research Exchange, this webinar introduces core research concepts tailored to landscape architecture practitioners — especially those who never received formal research training or who have not revisited research methods since their schooling.

2. [Landscape Architecture Research: Inquiry, Strategy, Design](#) by Deming and Swaffield, 2011.

- **What's it about?** A “practical, single-source guide to successful strategies for landscape architecture research” that provides a framework for advancing better design thinking aimed at practitioners and students.

3. [“Design as Research in Landscape Architecture”](#) by Nijhuis and de Vries. *Landscape Journal*, 2020. (Open access)

- **What's it about?** Core academic article on research *through* design – “a research method in which spatial design plays the leading role” – that explores the concept for both academics and practitioners/design processes.

4. [Research in Landscape Architecture: Methods and Methodology](#) edited by van den Brink, Bruns, Tobi, and Bell, 2016.

- **What's it about?** A more academically oriented but highly useful book on framing and designing research, including priorities for the research within the discipline in coming years as it connects to professional practice.

5. [Design Research for Urban Landscapes: Theories and Methods](#) edited by Prominski and von Seggern, 2019.

- **What's it about?** Book aimed at practitioners with an interdisciplinary lens that explores design research concepts and examples.