

SOCIAL JUSTICE

SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

The Social Justice Institute (SJI) brings together faculty, students, staff and community partners in collaboration around specific social justice oriented projects and dialogues.

Community Collaborations

The SJI awards small grants to community organizations in Austin to support specific social justice projects. Current community collaborations include the Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition, Hutto Visitation Program, Workers Defense Project and the Mama Sana/Vibrant Woman Prenatal Clinic.

Activist Research Grant Initiative

The SJI, through a consortium of other academic centers, awards summer research grants to graduate students at The University of Texas at Austin whose scholarly research projects advance social justice in collaboration with local, national, or international community-based organizations.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

REGIONAL FOUNDATION LIBRARY

The Regional Foundation Library (RFL) has served as a bridge between the grant-seeking and grant-making communities for more than fifty years.

The RFL offers a full range of online resources and print materials for individuals (scholarships, grants, fellowships, travel, research) and organizations (departments, centers, schools, churches, nonprofits). It contains core publications from the Foundation Center, the leading source of philanthropy information.

The Regional Foundation Library is open to the public and free of charge.

Funding orientations are held every Thursday.
3 p.m. for individuals | 4 p.m. for nonprofits

“Because of their support of area nonprofits, the Regional Foundation Library is one of the jewels of Austin. The staff is helpful; the resources are valuable. Going to Austin’s RFL helps to demystify the nonprofit funding process. Visitors are empowered to say ‘I can make this happen.’”

— Susannah Erler,
CFRE Grant Writer,
Austin Community College District

ENGAGEMENT

COLONY PARK SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative is a three-year community planning process that will culminate in a master plan for 208 acres of publicly owned land in Northeast Austin. The project involves a partnership between the City of Austin, UDG-FARR Associates, UT Austin, Austin Community College and the Colony Park-Lakeside Neighborhood Association.

SANDE YOUTH PROJECT

SANDE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, founded by award-winning food and nutrition journalist Toni Tipton-Martin to promote the connection between cultural heritage, culinary arts and wellness. The program includes African heritage cooking classes and the Children’s Picnic and Real Food Fair, a free event that celebrates First Lady Michelle Obama’s *Let’s Move!* initiative, invites families to pack a picnic, bring a blanket, grow a garden, play games, meet farmers and local food vendors, and enjoy cooking demos, music and much more.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE DISTRICT

The African American Cultural Heritage District (AACHD) is a non-profit organization created to serve as a catalyst for projects and activities that are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents and small businesses of Central East Austin while preserving and protecting the cultural legacy of this historically Black community.

FOODWAYS TEXAS

Foodways Texas is an organization founded by scholars, chefs, journalists, restaurateurs, farmers, ranchers, and other citizens of the state of Texas who have made it their mission to preserve, promote and celebrate the diverse food cultures of Texas.

MISSION

Promote and coordinate services, learning opportunities, and research for communities historically underserved by the university.

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Sustaining mutually beneficial engagements in the Austin community.