

Professor Receives Grant for Interior Architecture

August 25, 2018 - Prof. Ziad Qureshi, Assistant Professor in Interior Architecture, has received a grant from the University's Advancing Community Engagement and Service (ACES) Institute. Prof. Qureshi's submission was one of only two fully-funded proposals from the entire University.

The grant for the amount of \$4500 will be deployed in his Fall 2018 INAR 3500 studio, enabling his students to participate in a collaborative, communicative, and problem-solving process at the interior scale with real-world stakeholders including the non-profit Lake Jackson Historical Association (LJHA) in Texas and the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio in Michigan. The core objective of the grant is to offer a service-based learning experience for the Interior Architecture students of INAR 3500 through the research, collaborative development, design, and physical fabrication of historically-inspired furniture prototypes respondent to contemporary community needs.

The work will benefit from an ongoing series of successful collaborations between UH Interior Architecture and the LJHA, and they will be the community partner and primary beneficiary of the service, research outcomes, and fabricated furniture prototypes for their museum buildings.

This grant award and project will offer various opportunities to increase our College and Program's profile, including media releases and events coordinated by ACES and our community partners. In addition to being aligned with Prof. Qureshi's research direction and community oriented design-fabrication projects, Experiential and Service learning in the community is in alignment with the current Quality Enhancement Protocol (QEP) advanced by the Provost.