

Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel Vision, Values, Mission and Goals

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DHA Values

We value:

1. Discovery through research and creative production related to design, the human environment, and socioeconomic well-being.
2. Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary discovery, learning, and engagement.
3. Excellence in undergraduate and graduate learning.
4. A quality student experience.
5. Cultural competency as demonstrated in current and future students, as well as staff and faculty.
6. Recognition of faculty and staff expertise and contributions.
7. Service to the community, profession, and our academic institution.

DHA Vision

The vision of the department of Design, Housing, and Apparel is to be the catalyst recognized for inspiring and motivating innovative discovery and research-based design as well as translation and communication of that knowledge to enhance people's lives and empower them to take active roles in society.

DHA Mission

The Department of Design, Housing and Apparel is a multidisciplinary department that is centered on the interactions between people and the components of apparel, housing, interiors and visual communication. We are committed to developing a richer understanding of these interactions to contribute toward socioeconomic well-being and empowerment, to enhance the well-being of communities through effecting positive change, and to improve environmental conditions. Our systematic inquiry advances knowledge in these areas and provides a basis for undergraduate and graduate learning, discovery and engagement.

DHA Goals

Discovery

1. Achieve excellence in discovery by increasing scholarly productivity and visibility.
2. Build on multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary efforts including interactions with other U of M units.

Learning

3. Improve the quality and recognition of the graduate and undergraduate programs.
4. Enhance the student experience at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
5. Increase cultural competency and recruit and retain students from underrepresented populations.

Outreach

6. Develop engagement opportunities by building on existing faculty and staff knowledge and expertise.
7. Increase regional public engagement and enhance national and international visibility of The Goldstein.

Service

8. Strategically participate in professional and discipline-related organizations.
9. Strategically continue our involvement in UM governance through committee service at departmental, collegiate, and university levels.