HIDEO SASAKI FOUNDATION

2026 INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Hideo Sasaki Foundation

2025 Celebration of Design Award recipients

OUR MISSION IS EQUITY IN DESIGN

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Our mission is equity in design. We fund community grants, host public events, and run youth employment programs. This empowers local communities, amplifies diverse voices, and engages students in career exploration.

01.

RESEARCH & GRANTS
We convene experts and innovators from all backgrounds. We fund active research projects that center on inclusion and collaboration with communities who have historically been removed from the design process. Interdisciplinary design research builds more equitable cities and communities.

02.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING
We host events that amplify diverse voices and address socially relevant topics as we work toward systemic change. We engage civic leaders, educators, economists, technologists, and more to connect design and community-driven action. Informed and engaged residents are central ingredients of a successful community.

03.

DESIGN EDUCATION
We run paid internships for youth to discover and explore careers in design, increasing diversity in the next generation of designers. We connect students and design professionals through deep and meaningful experiences. A thriving design industry employs a workforce that reflects the full community of lived experiences.

04.

CELEBRATION OF DESIGN
Every fall, our flagship fundraiser celebrates Hideo's legacy, the foundation's work, and Boston's design community. Guests enjoy food, drinks, and fun while supporting our mission of equity in design!

05.

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We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2000 to honor Hideo Sasaki, a renowned landscape architect, trailblazing designer, and founder of the design firm Sasaki.

Design has the power to address the most urgent challenges facing us, from social equity to environmental resilience. Design is an agent of change. But for communities who need it the most, access is often limited.

We envision a world where the built environment reflects the voices, values, and needs of diverse communities. In this world, community members are active agents of change, co-creating resilient and inclusive urban spaces alongside professionals and civic leaders. We believe that the design process should be collaborative, with expertise shared across all levels of engagement.

Working toward this vision, we uplift communities, amplify voices, and nurture inclusive design.

- **Community voices**: The built environment reflects the diverse communities in which we live, work, and visit.
- **Strategic partnerships among change agents:** Empowered community members are agents of change.
- **Inclusive design leadership:** Practitioners reflect and represent the communities in which they work.
- **Co-creation of resilient communities:** Community members, civic leaders, practitioners, and others share expertise to co-create communities resilient to tomorrow's global challenges.
- **Community-centered practice:** The design process amplifies community voices, and practitioners learn from and understand their critical importance.

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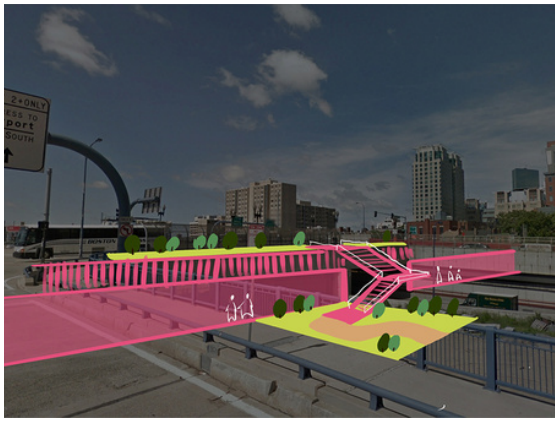


📷: 2018 Design Grants winner Charles River Floating Wetland | Charles River Conservancy

DESIGN GRANTS



📷: Columbia Road Gender and Mobility Initiative



📷: Improving Open Space in Chinatown



📷: EarlyEducatorSpace 2.0



📷: 2025 Design Grants Pitch Night

When you sponsor our Design Grants, you fund community experts to create design solutions for challenges in their neighborhoods.

Our Design Grants program seeks ideas that promote equity and create local solutions in Greater Boston and Boston's Gateway Cities. We issue an annual call for proposals in February. Finalists pitch their project ideas to a jury at Pitch Night in June. Winners receive funding and ten months of access to design experts to advance the project. They tackle systematic obstacles like climate change, housing affordability, inefficient transportation systems, and more.

Design Grants & Pitch Night

Invest in an incredible evening for community-based organizations to pitch their ideas for community-led design processes, or underwrite a 10-month fellowship for a grant winner.

$5,000: Pitch Night Platinum Sponsor

- Name and logo displayed on event page
- Name and logo displayed at Pitch Night
- Publicity via the foundation's communications
- Name and logo displayed on foundation website through 2026
- Opportunity to engage with grantees

$10,000: Pitch Night Headline Sponsor (1 available)

- All Platinum Sponsor benefits
- Event naming rights

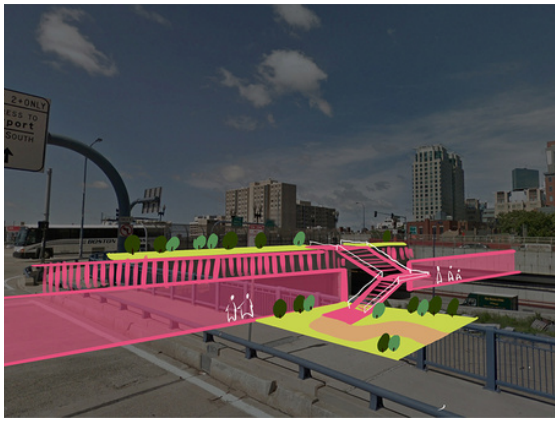
$17,500: Design Grants Underwriter (3 available)

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- Name and logo displayed at Pitch Night
- Publicity via the foundation's communications
- Name and logo displayed on foundation website through the end of the grant period
- Opportunity to engage with grantees
- Grant naming rights

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Design Grants + Resilient Design Panel
Invest in an incredible evening for community-based organizations to share their work.

All 2026 sponsors receive the following:

- Name and logo displayed on event page
- Name and logo displayed at event
- Publicity via the foundation's communications
- Name and logo displayed on foundation website through 2026

$2,500: Gold Sponsor

$5,000: Platinum Sponsor

$10,000: Event Headline Sponsor (1 available)

- Event naming rights

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING









📷: 2025 Future of Collaborative Design Symposium

When you sponsor our public programs, you amplify a diversity of voices and address socially relevant topics. Partner with us as we work toward systemic change.

Our theme for 2026 is Resilient Futures. From climate change, to systemic inequities, to national and global political shifts, we are living in a time of increasing stress and change. How can the design community contribute to our collective resilience as we move into the future?

All 2026 sponsors receive the following:

- Name and logo displayed on event page
- Name and logo displayed at event
- Publicity via the foundation's communications
- Name and logo displayed on foundation website through 2026

2026 Women in Leadership Happy Hour

All event sponsors gain early access to purchase additional tickets ahead of July 9. This event has sold out in the past.

$500: Bronze Sponsor

- Complimentary tickets for two (2) guests

$1,000: Silver Sponsor

- Complimentary tickets for four (4) guests

$2,500: Gold Sponsor

- Complimentary tickets for eight (8) guests

Other 2026 Event Sponsorships:

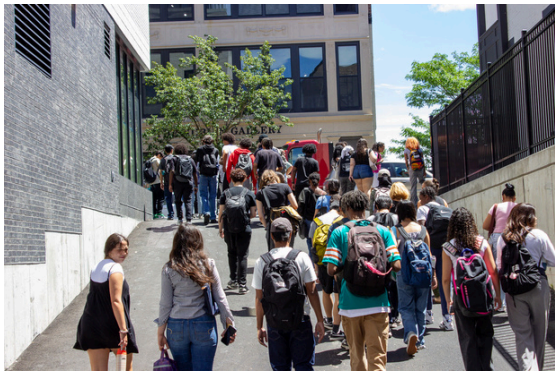
- $500: Bronze Sponsor
- $1,000: Silver Sponsor
- $2,500: Gold Sponsor

See page 9 for the 2026 event list.

DESIGN EDUCATION











When you sponsor our design education internships, you empower the next generation through design thinking.

Matching partners cover the 10 percent match required by our state and city grant contracts. This multiplies your support tenfold, funding an intern for the entire summer.

Sponsors underwrite internships for students not eligible under our workforce development grants. You fund jobs for students beyond our grant geography.

2026 SEED Matching Partner: $500

- Name included in the SEED partner list in the foundation's communications
- Opportunities to connect with summer interns

2026 SEED Student Sponsor: $2,500

- Name announced as SEED partner in the foundation's communications
- Opportunities to connect with summer interns

2026 DESI Student Sponsor: $3,000

- Name announced as DESI partner in the foundation's communications

CELEBRATION OF DESIGN

NOVEMBER 2026









📷: 2025 Celebration of Design

Our flagship fundraiser celebrates Hideo's legacy, the foundation's work, and the Boston design community. When you sponsor this event, you advance equity in design.

All sponsors receive the following:

- Name and logo displayed on event page
- Name and logo displayed at event
- Publicity via the foundation's communications
- Name and logo displayed on foundation website through 2026
- Opportunity to provide branded collateral to approximately 150 event guests

Bronze Sponsor: $500

- VIP event tickets for one (1) guest

Silver Sponsor: $1,000

- VIP event tickets for two (2) guests

Gold Sponsor: $2,500

- VIP event tickets for four (4) guests
- Logo included at refreshment station

Platinum Sponsor: $5,000 (3 available)

- VIP event tickets for eight (8) guests
- Activity station named after organization

Headline Sponsor: $10,000 (1 available)

- VIP event tickets for ten (10) guests
- Celebration of Design Awards naming rights

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	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Headline	Under-writer
Trivia Night *February 2026*	$500	$1,000	$2,500			
Documentary Viewing *March 2026*	$500	$1,000	$2,500			
Book SIgning + Panel *April 2026*	$500	$1,000	$2,500			
Resilient Design Panel *May 2026*	$500	$1,000	$2,500			
Design Grants Pitch Night *June 2026*			$2,500	$5,000	$10,000	
Women in Leadership *August 2026*	$500	$1,000	$2,500			
Symposium *September 2026*	$500	$1,000	$2,500	$5,000		
Celebration of Design *November 2026*	$500	$1,000	$2,500	$5,000	$10,000	
Design Education Matching Partner	$500					
DESI Student Sponsor *spring 2026*						$3,000
SEED Student Sponsor *summer 2026*						$2,500