Tackling Grand Challenges

We maintain a fierce optimism that together we can tackle some of the most urgent and persistent problems. DU Grand Challenges was born of the belief that we must work with the community to identify bold issues that match campus expertise with community interest. Working shoulder-to-shoulder we can devise new plans, uncover breakthroughs, and make significant progress in moving the needle on today’s issues.

DU Grand Challenge Forums
Leaders in scholarship and practice give lightning talks to provide a spark for small-group discussion among participants on how the topic impacts our communities.

A Community Table
A Community Table will bring people together in small groups to generate ideas and shared aspirations for increasing economic opportunity in our communities.

Leadership Fellows
The Leadership Fellows program is designed to provide undergraduate students an opportunity to join faculty, staff and community members in Collective Impact (CI) Cohorts as part of DU Grand Challenges.

Grand Challenge Champions
DU Grand Challenge Champions provides students with an opportunity to deepen their participation through a faculty-mentored program that supports student preparation to contribute to public good work.

Scholars Grants
DU Grand Challenges bring together curricular, scholarship, creative work, and co-curricular activities to advance community-engaged, public good work on complex issues that affect our communities.

Class Grants
The DU Grand Challenge’s class grants aim to support course development and/or projects that connect to a DU Grand Challenges issue.

ACE Students Grants
Undergraduate students are invited to submit proposals for community-engaged research or creative work that is designed to improve daily living or increase economic opportunities in our communities.