



Engaging a Neighborhood's Past for the Future

The 2029 cohort will partner with the St. Louis Art Place Initiative to honor and acknowledge untold stories of past residents through multimedia narratives and nurture collective engagement in the Gravois Park community.

API was co-founded in 2019 by the Incarnate Word Foundation, the Kranzberg Arts Foundation, and the Regional Arts Commission to build wealth and equity for low-to-moderate-income artists through homeownership. The artist residents create a sense of home and build cultural assets with their communities. API continually engages residents as it carries out its mission.

This cohort will be working with the St. Louis Art Place Initiative (API), an organization that is revitalizing vacant parcels in St. Louis's Gravois Park neighborhood to provide affordable housing for artists while creating art and green spaces. API wants to increase knowledge of the neighborhood's history and link the legacies of historical residents with plans for the future. Gravois Park was once home to members of First Nations. In the nineteenth-century, Irish, Italian, German, Bohemian, Polish, Czech and other immigrant groups settled there. After World War I, the Great Migration brought Black families from the South to the neighborhood, bringing another wave of culture. Cherokee Street has been the heart of St. Louis's Latino population. Research teams may create installations, digital maps, or exhibits. By integrating art and historical awareness, API fosters a deeper sense of connection between the community's past and its evolving future.



CODES is a selective program offering full tuition for students who are Pell Eligible, historically underrepresented in their major, or among the first in their families to attend college. CODE Scholars collaborate with community partners with the goal of creating a more socially just world. They study and address the local shape of global problems and share their outcomes using digital humanities methods. CODES apply methods from various fields, including history, literature, anthropology, biology, and sociology, for example.