# OICA RESEARCH AGENDA:
# 2020-2023

OICA is envisioned to be UPD's forefront of artistic and cultural engagements in the local and global communities guided by a mission of providing creative spaces and platforms that empower the UPD community towards transformative selves.    As OICA also sees itself as an emerging research unit centered on the arts, humanities and cultural studies, it is also guided by the principles of inclusivity and diversity that are rooted in compassion and a sense of community. As societies grapple with the effects of the Covid19 pandemic, OICA grants and projects are guided by a research agenda that is anchored on the ideals of *"iskolar ng bayan, iskolar para sa bayan,"* explored through the following themes: pride of place, boldness of vision, and pride in people.

## PRIDE OF PLACE
- Creation of a nurturing and enabling environment;
- Care for the environment;
- Interrogation and problematization of the concept of heritage;
- Historicization, contextualization and conceptualization of the local in view of the global
- Deconstruction and reconstruction of home;
- Reframing the city and/or the urban setting; and
- Articulation of folk narratives and/or the invention of community tradition

## BOLDNESS OF VISION
- Innovation in design and technology;
- Innovation in artistic and cultural pedagogy;
- Innovation in artistic and cultural praxis;
- Public policies on culture and arts;
- Updating artistic and cultural trends
- Advocacy for inclusive and diverse cultures
- Advocacy for gender mainstreaming in art programs and projects
- Art for social transformation

## PRIDE IN PEOPLE
- The founders of artistic and cultural fields;
- Precursors of the contemporary;
- Artists and other figures in cultural studies in the creation of the public sphere;
- Intercultural and artistic exchanges;
- Champions and keepers of knowledge, of heritage, traditions and folkways
- Community engagements through art practices
- Art scholars as knowledge producer, social critic, and public intellectual
- Building networks and collaborations