The Charlotte Section of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIAC) in conjunction with the School of Architecture at The University of North Carolina Charlotte (SoA) is pleased to announce the 2014 Traveling Fellowship Program.

The purpose of the program is to recognize and reward excellence in the study of architectural design and to provide the opportunity for travel and exploration in the continuation of that study.

The Traveling Fellowship in the amount of $4,000.00 will be awarded to a UNC Charlotte SoA student for travel and study in or out of the continental USA to be taken during the summer of 2014.

All UNC Charlotte SoA students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply and take advantage of this opportunity.

Eligibility
The Traveling Fellowship may be awarded to any full time undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled in the SoA at UNC Charlotte who meets the following requirements.

1. The student must be returning to UNC Charlotte the following Fall semester.
2. Undergraduate students must have completed the first two years of the SoA Foundation Program by the end of the 2014 Spring Semester.
3. All returning graduate students are eligible.

Selection Process
The Fellowship will be awarded by the Committee which is composed of the following members.

- The President of the AIAC
- The First Vice President (President Elect) of the AIAC
- The AIAC Education Committee Fellowship Coordinators
- The SoA Faculty Chair of the Traveling Fellowship Committee
- Two at large UNC Charlotte SoA faculty members

The Traveling Fellowship Committee will review and rank the proposals against the following criteria:

1. The clarity of the description of the travel and study and its relationship to the student's education.
2. A feasible scope of study given the amount of time and money available to the student.
3. Specificity, thoughtfulness, and originality of the proposal.
4. The quality of the student's academic performance to date.

Application Process
To apply for the award, obtain an AIAC UNC Charlotte SoA Traveling Fellowship Form from Zach Tarlton (SoA Office) or John Nelson (Storrs 229). Fill it out as requested with all required attachments and forward one original copy of the proposal and supporting letters to Zach Tarlton in the School of Architecture office. In addition please submit a PDF version of the completed application to janelson@uncc.edu. This electronic submission must be submitted by the deadline.

The Proposal must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 24, 2014.
Content of the Proposal
The written and electronic pdf proposal should contain the following five elements:
1. The AIAC UNC Charlotte SoA Traveling Fellowship Form.
2. A narrative (not to exceed 3 double spaced pages) which should include:
   a. A description of the proposed topic and location of study.
   b. An explanation as to why travel is desired.
   c. An explanation as to the travels impact upon you and the SoA.
   d. Proposed documentation of the study.
3. Itinerary and budget. (Including a listing of any additional funding from other sources.)
4. Two Letters of Reference/Support from SoA Faculty who have reviewed the proposal.

The proposals will be reviewed by the Traveling Fellowship Committee and the top five to six applicants will be notified as finalists. Each of the finalists will be invited to a short interview with the Committee. At that interview finalists will be expected to make a visual presentation by showing samples of their previous work and provide an explanation of how the travel and study will contribute to the continuation of their architectural education and goals.

Some Advice
A successful proposal should describe the physical agenda in precise terms. Where will you go, what will you observe, what will you document? (Any conceptual framework is best demonstrated by concrete planning). When exact locations or buildings are unknown, describe criteria for observing (type, view, scale, etc). What you are trying to learn is better understood when presented in terms of what you are looking at. And, as always, clarity and feasibility are always an asset. You are strongly advised to meet with John Nelson, or another faculty member to discuss and review your proposal prior to submission.

Announcement and Documentation of the Award
Finalist Presentations and Announcement of the Fellowship Recipient will be made in February, 2014.

In an effort to share the results of the travel and study with both the SoA and the professional architectural community and to record those findings in a more permanent format, documentation of the traveling fellowship is required. Acceptance of the award signifies agreement for presentation and documentation as follows:
1. A visual/verbal presentation must be made to the AIAC membership, SoA students & faculty during the following fall semester after the summer travel. Typically this will take place in October.
2. Visual documentation of the travel and study must be supplied to the Chair of the Committee & the AIAC by December 1, 2014. The form of the documentation is left to the discretion of the recipient but may include the pdf presentation of the lecture, photographs, sketches, video, written material, etc.

Further Information
For further information contact John Nelson, Chair of the Traveling Fellowship Committee (janelson@uncc.edu). You are also encouraged to contact Blake Montieth the 2013 Traveling Fellowship Recipient.
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UNC CHARLOTTE
TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PROPOSAL FORM

Name:
Address:
eMail:
Current Studio Instructor:
Proposed Dates of Study and Location of Travel:

Title and Abstract of Study: (50 words maximum)

Attachments:
1. Two Letters of Reference/Support from SoA Faculty who have reviewed the proposal.
2. Narrative (Not to exceed 3 double spaced pages).
   a. A description of the proposed topic and location of study.
   b. An explanation as to why travel would be required, or enhance the study.
   c. An explanation as to the travels impact upon you and the SoA.
   d. Proposed documentation of the study.
3. Itinerary and Budget. (Including a listing of any additional funding from other sources if appropriate).

I ____________________________ (please print name) submit the attached for consideration by the selection committee and agree that if selected, I will conduct myself in a manner lawful and decent as a representative of the UNC Charlotte SoA and the AIAC while holding them harmless of liability for my behavior and consequences of travel. I will report to both the UNC Charlotte SoA and AIAC on the cultural, educational and social/personal values/benefits derived from this endeavor as required by the announcement procedures.

(Signature)                                                 (date)