Application Form Highlands Travel Fellowship



Eligibility and Schedule

This award is open to alumni of the School of Architecture. Students in the final year of their studies may apply provided that they will have graduated by the time they would receive the award. Awardees cannot be enrolled in an educational institution during the period of travel. Faculty and employees of CMU, former Fellowship-winners, and members of the founding committee are not eligible. Proposals should be made for projects whose completion is anticipated for 2016 or slightly beyond.

Future awards will proceed on a biennial schedule.

2016 Award Announced
Application Deadline
Winner & Alternate Announced

April 2015 5PM, 23 November 2015 January 2016

Mission

The Fellowship is named in honor of Professor Delbert Highlands, who taught courses in architectural design, design theory, and architectural history from the 1960s through the first decade of this century. He has been widely recognized as a seminal teacher, whose skill, and understanding enriched the educations of generations of students. Currently, the Highlands Travel Fellowship is being offered on an every-other-year basis.

Professor Highlands emphasized the "individual," the "particular" and the "local" in his teaching. His courses were grounded in authoritative scholarship and meticulously presented fundamentals, but always went further: asking students to think of "this time," "this place" and this "occupancy." His teaching presented prospects for a life of work that were inspiring, and that would always present fresh challenges to learn more, to go deeper, to design buildings that truly engage our humanity. He has been a key influence in the lives of hundreds of graduates of the School of Architecture.

In keeping with Professor Highlands' thinking and contributions to the School, the Fellowship supports the study of collections belonging to locales. There are, perhaps, endless possibilities: from the frescoes of a remote town, to the building vernacular of a whole province, to many options that have not yet been thought of. The common denominators will be the local and the particular.

It is intended that the experience of the Fellowship directly support the professional development of individual awardees to the end of contributing to the richness of our surroundings. The award will total \$12,000. (CMU reports the award amount to the IRS.)

Application Submission Requirements

- 1. Completed Application Form
- 2. Maximum two-page project description which includes a proposed travel budget. Images may be part of the two-page project description.

Reporting and Impact on the School of Architecture

Upon completion of the Fellowship, there will be an obligation for reporting and presentation, and the delivery of materials to a Fellowship archive. It is recognized that the form of reporting may vary significantly with the applicant and the subject matter. Recognizing that communication skills and interests will vary among awardees, latitude will be given to the ways in which awardees will contribute results of their travel to the school. Anticipated formats include lectures, seminars and exhibitions. Ideally these would be timed to occur simultaneously with an announcement of the subsequent award-winner. It is anticipated that the awardee would make a presentation of their project at an alumni reception during F'16 or S'17.

Previous Winners

The 2014 winner was Matthew Scarlett (BArch '08). Mr. Scarlett's travel project, "Asmara: A Case for the City in the City", looked into the Italian Fascist-era architecture of Eritrea. He presented his findings at Spring Carnival 2015. Previous winners include 2010, Can Tiryaki (BArch 98') and 2012, William Riehm (BArch '94).

Work of previous winners can be viewed on the SoA website in the alumni section.

Selection Process

A blind review process will be used, and the award will be based on merit only. A six-member committee consisting of the following will choose a winner and an alternate: (1) faculty member of the School of Architecture, (1) member of the Highlands Fellowship founding group*, (1) member of the Highlands Fellowship founding group* or previous fellowship winner, (1) faculty member of CMU English or History Department, (1) faculty member of CMU School of Drama or School of Design, (1) practicing architect (non Graduate of CMU).

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Instructions

Submit this application form, in .pdf format, along with the two-page project description and travel budget to Kristen Frambes, at kframbes@cmu.edu, by the deadline indicated above. Inquiries should be made via email to Kristen Frambes at the above email address.

^{*} The Fellowship Founding Group consists of Doug Cooper, Dan Garber, Sheldon Goettel, Arne Larson and William Petrone.