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TO: UNDERGRAD AND GRADUATE STUDENTS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

FROM: Walter Hood
Chair, Prizes and Awards Committee

RE: GERALDINE KNIGHT SCOTT TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

1. Announcement

The Department of Landscape Architecture is pleased to announce the Scott Traveling Fellowship. The Fellowship is the result of a specific endowment made to the department by the late Geraldine Knight Scott, landscape architect, educator, and Berkeley alumna (B.S. 1926).

2. Geraldine Knight Scott

Geraldine Knight Scott was one of the earliest graduates of the department. Her experiences as a student and the value of her travels in Europe thereafter are documented in her oral history (located in the CED Library). For twenty-two months, Mrs. Scott traveled, often alone, “the better to see and record” through the cities, small towns, and landscapes of Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. She measured the great gardens and urban spaces, visited museums to see classic paintings, sculptures and investigated the new ideas in art and architecture. Above all, Mrs. Scott experienced the expression of culture and the sense of place. Throughout her life, with her husband, Mellier Scott, planner and author, Mrs. Scott traveled widely in Europe, South America, and Asia, finding value in what she saw in a particular place and in understanding why it looked the way it did. The adaptation of site, public place design, house and garden form, etc. helped clarify for Mrs. Scott what she should be doing in her own culture and in her professional practice.

3. Intent

The objective of the fellowship is to provide sufficient funds to an outstanding student of the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California at Berkeley, for significant travel after graduation. The concept of significant travel does not imply geographical extent, but a clear travel objective is essential, and preferably should include at least one cultural milieu different than that of the Fellow. This cultural milieu typically is but need not be outside the United States.

The amount of the award will be substantial enough, in the words of the benefactress, to be “sufficient in itself to provide for a modest living and travel expense” for approximately six months. “It is the donor’s aim … that selected students may, early in their careers, have the opportunity to travel, observe, and study.”

4. Eligibility

Students who have received or will have received an A.B. or M.L.A. degree with high academic achievement within the current academic year (2013-2014) are eligible for the fellowship. They must have completed or plan to complete all requirements, including the thesis, professional project or comprehensive exam studio, for the degree by December 2013 or May 2014. Students who will not finish their degrees within the normative time set for that degree are ineligible to apply, unless special circumstances prevail. In the past, the Scott Traveling Fellowship Committee has awarded multiple awards to both graduate and undergraduate students. However, depending on the quality of the application, the Committee reserves the right to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded.
5. Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria will include (1) well developed plan of study around a clear research topic, appropriate method of observation, recording, and synthesis, (2) realistic travel plan appropriate to the project proposal, (3) discussion of relevant literature, (4) list of deliverable products.

6. Application Schedule, Procedures, and Fellowship Commitments

Announcement: Thursday, March 27, 2014

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

Announcement of Awards: Early May

Travel to be Completed: Between June 2014 and August 2015

By the application deadline the applicant must provide the following:

a. A brief statement indicating that all degree requirements (including thesis/professional project/comp exam studio for graduate students) will be completed by May 2014.

b. UCB transcript of academic work to date (obtained from Bear-Facts);

c. Portfolio containing examples of course work undertaken at Berkeley. These may be design and graphic works, research papers, or other evidence of creativity and academic interests. All submission should be in an 8-1/2” X 11” folder (vertical format). If group projects are included, the applicant’s contribution must be clearly identified;

d. A four-page essay (8-1/2” X 11”, single spaced) describing the applicant’s intent as to use of the fellowship and the objective of proposed travel. Applicant must have developed a research topic or model/theme for his/her travel. What is the research question and what does the applicant expect to learn? Applicant must have developed his/her sites (sites must be “doable” and related to study goals). This should include information on where the applicant will go and why; a research and literature review; and, a clear statement of how the research question will be answered.

e. A one-page detailed budget. Budget amounts must have been substantiated by applicant by actual quotes for airline fares, rental car rates, lodging/hotels, etc. for proposed countries of travel. Budget should be attached to the four-page essay. If the budget proposal exceeds the available funds from the Scott award, the applicant must identify personal or other sources of funding adequate to complete the intended travel project. Funding for individual Spring 2011 Scott Traveling Fellowships can be anticipated in the range of $5,000 to $10,000.

Applications should be submitted to the LAEP Graduate Office (206 Wurster).

Awardee(s) and alternates will be notified in early May.

Upon completion of the travel program, the awardee(s) will be expected to give an illustrated lecture of their research travels to the students and faculty of the department in the Fall 2015 Semester. Awardees are responsible for contacting LAEP Graduate Office by September 1, 2015 so that the talk can be scheduled. Recipients will also be required to turn in 20 to 40 of their best slides to the LAEP Graduate Office. In addition, an itemized budget report detailing how fellowship monies were spent (including receipts for travel and lodging) must be given to the Financial Analyst of the department.