

SCHIFF FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP FOR CRITICAL ARCHITECTURAL WRITING

This year marks the eleventh annual Schiff Foundation Fellowship for Critical Architectural Writing, an innovative award program administered by the Department of Architecture and Design at the Art Institute of Chicago. This program is designed to recognize the talent of young writers and engage them in critical discussions about the built environment. The final deadline for submissions is **Monday, April 11, 2016 at 4 p.m.** Late entries will not be considered.

The award for 2016 is established at \$5,000, which will be given to one student enrolled in a degree-granting, graduate-level program at a Chicago-area university. Each school or department is allowed 2 submissions from students enrolled in courses during the Fall 2015–Spring 2016 academic year.

The guidelines for the award are as follows:

- 1) Graduate-level students in degree-granting programs of study at Chicago metropolitan area institutions (such as Columbia College Chicago, DePaul University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University Chicago, Northwestern University, Roosevelt University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Chicago) are eligible to receive the Schiff Critical Architectural Writing Fellowship. Students must be enrolled in a course (class, seminar, or independent study) during the 2015–2016 fellowship academic year that includes critical writing about the built environment.

Essays produced in courses offered during the Spring 2015 term at any school on the quarter system (such as Northwestern University, DePaul University, and University of Chicago) may be also submitted to this year's award cycle. Students who matriculated in December 2015 would also be eligible for an award if the submitted essay was produced during the fall 2015 semester or quarter.

- 2) The participating schools/departments will make a pre-selection of candidates, allowing 2 students from each school/department. Please note that we require each student submission to be accompanied by a brief letter from the department chair stating the merits and context of the student's work.

- 3) Student candidates should submit an unpublished, original text, not to exceed **3,000 words or 10 pages** (at 300 words per page), which offers a critical/analytical commentary on an aspect(s) of the built environment. The texts must be double-spaced in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, with no less than one-inch margins. All citations must appear as endnotes on separate pages and are not counted in the page or word limits. Students may choose to write on

any regional, national, or international topic related to architecture or the built environment. Students may choose to include up to two pages of images as an appendix at the conclusion of the essay.

4) The student's name and university affiliation **should not** appear on any of the pages of the essay. Instead, the submission must include a one-page résumé with the student's telephone number and email address, as well as a letter of support from the department chair containing information about the 2015/16 course (class, seminar, or independent study) in which the student is enrolled.

5) **Six hard copies** should be submitted (by mail or hand-carried) to the Department of Architecture and Design at the Art Institute of Chicago to arrive at or before **4 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016.**

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In addition, the entire submission must be sent in digital form to afisher@artic.edu and lboyer@artic.edu. Late entries will not be considered.

The winning student will be notified in May 2016 and the award will be presented at a luncheon on a date to be determined. The prize or fellowship award may be used for any purpose towards the winner's education. Please contact Alison Fisher or Lori Boyer if you have further questions. Their contact info is as follows:

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