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Center for Architecture and AIANY Award \$67,500 in Academic Scholarships in 2020

Eight New York City students received scholarships to pursue the study of architecture.

August 10, 2020, New York, NY – In 2020, the **Center for Architecture** and **AIA New York** have awarded a total of **\$67,500 in academic scholarships** via the **Grants and Scholarships Program**. This program is an important platform to make architecture education accessible to all and diversify research in architecture, while connecting students and emerging professionals to AIANY members and programs. In recent years, the Center for Architecture has expanded its program to provide more scholarships to a broader range of students pursuing the study of architecture.

Center for Architecture Design Scholarship

The Center for Architecture's namesake scholarship, the [Center for Architecture Design Scholarship](#), is targeted at students seeking their first professional degree in architecture or a related design discipline from an accredited school within New York State. The dean or chair of the architectural school or accredited design program may invite up to two students from their respective college or university to apply, based on their high level of academic performance and evidence of financial need. In 2020, the Center for architecture awarded two merit-based scholarships **totaling \$12,500**.

- **Leticia Bohrer Ávila** was awarded a **\$7,500** scholarship to support her last semester of the Master of Architecture program at the **University at Buffalo**. Ávila has worked as an intern for CannonDesign and is looking forward to receiving her master's degree and practicing architecture at a Buffalo-based firm.
- **Florence Methot** was awarded **\$5,000** to support her Master of Architecture studies at the **Bernard & Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at the City College of New York**. Methot has a background in landscape architecture, which she is using to inform her approach to design.

Allwork Scholarship

The [Allwork Scholarship](#) supports architecture students with demonstrated financial need seeking their first professional degree in architecture or a related design discipline from an accredited school within New York State. Students must be nominated by the dean or chair of the school of architecture where they are studying. In 2020, the Center for Architecture awarded **four \$7,500 merit-based scholarships totaling \$30,000** to undergraduate and graduate students in architecture.

- **Zhenia Dementyeva** is a rising thesis student completing her Bachelor of Architecture at the **Cooper Union**. Over the past five years, she has held internships with Diller Scofidio + Renfro and Samuel Anderson Architects. She is currently employed by PAU.
- **Jeffrey Gyemibi** is a fourth-year Bachelor of Architecture student at the **Bernard & Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at the City College of New York**. Gyemibi's

work draws on his interest in the Chinese zodiac as well as his experience in his native Ghana.

- **Stanicka Manthurin** is a student in the Master of Architecture program at the **University at Buffalo**, where she also earned her Bachelor of Science in Architecture. She serves the school as a teaching assistant and is active in the UB chapter of the National Organization for Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS). Manthurin aspires to earn an architectural license and work at a practice that reflects her interests in performance, installation, and materiality.
- **Michael Joseph Paraszczak** is in his final year of the Master of Architecture program at **Cornell University**. He has worked at multiple architecture firms across New York, including REX. In addition to his studies, Paraszczak is also a designer at Jenny Sabin Studio in Ithaca, NY.

Walter A. Hunt, Jr. Scholarship

The [**Walter A. Hunt, Jr. Scholarship**](#) was founded to promote and encourage the study of architecture by New York City public high school students. The scholarship provides financial assistance to supplement tuition and related costs during their freshman and sophomore years at a NAAB-accredited school of architecture. The scholarship honors Hunt's dedication to the field of architecture and his wish to specifically support New York City public high school students.

- **Jessica Kim**, a graduate of **Stuyvesant High School** who will be studying at **Cornell University**, is the 2020 recipient of the Walter A. Hunt, Jr Scholarship. She will receive **\$20,000** in tuition support over her freshman and sophomore years.
- Given the competitive and highly accomplished pool of applicants in the 2020 cycle, the Center for Architecture is also offering an inaugural **Walter A. Hunt, Jr. Honorable Mention Award** to **Amanda Gomez**, a graduate of the **High School of Art and Design** who will be studying architecture at the **California College of the Arts**. She is the recipient of a one-time award of **\$5,000** for tuition support during her freshman year.

About Center for Architecture Grants and Scholarships

The Center for Architecture, in partnership with AIANY, awards scholarships and grant awards throughout the year for architectural students, architectural student journals, and practicing architects. Scholarships are open to New York City students and grants are open to applicants nationwide.

To find out more about our upcoming deadlines, please visit:

www.centerforarchitecture.org/scholarships-grants.

2020 grants and scholarships were awarded by the 2020 Scholarship Committee:

Barry Bergdoll, Hon. AIA, Columbia University (co-chair)

Gerard Geier, FAIA, FIIDA, LEED AP, FXCollaborative (co-chair)

Matthew Clarke, Assoc. AIA, The Trust for Public Land

Doug Hocking, AIA, Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates

Eve Klein, Assoc. AIA, User Design Information Group, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Carol Loewenson, FAIA, LEED AP, Mitchell Giurgola Architects

Sara Lopergolo, AIA, Selldorf Architects

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About the Center for Architecture

The Center for Architecture is the premier cultural venue for architecture and the built environment in New York City, informed by the complexity of the City's urban fabric and in dialogue with the global community. The Center shares a home with the AIA New York Chapter and has the unique advantage of drawing upon the ideas and experiences of practicing architects to produce thought-provoking exhibitions, informative public programs, and quality design education experiences for K-12 students. It also leads New York City's annual month-long architecture and design festival, Archtober. The Center for Architecture's aim is to further public knowledge about New York City architecture and architects, foster exchange and collaboration among members of the design, development, building, scholarly, and policy sectors, and inspire new ideas about the role of design in communities by presenting contemporary and practical issues in architecture and urbanism to a general audience.

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