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Center for Architecture and AIA New York Award \$102,500 in Academic Scholarships in 2021

10 students received scholarships to pursue the study of architecture.

August 31, 2021, New York, NY – In 2021, the **Center for Architecture and AIA New York** have awarded a total of **\$102,500 in academic scholarships** via the [Grants and Scholarships Program](#), 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 2021, the Center for architecture awarded two merit-based scholarships totaling **\$15,000**.

- **Ava Sierra Heckman** was awarded **\$7,500** to pursue her Master of Architecture at the **Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation**. Having lived in both rural and urban environments, her work expresses her sensitivity to nature and her surroundings. Heckman hopes to pursue a career in architecture with a focus on understanding how surroundings impact the way we move, think, and live.
- **Abby Stein** was awarded **\$7,500** to continue her studies at the **Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at City College of New York's** Master of Landscape Architecture program. Stein grew up in Memphis, TN and received her Bachelor of Arts from Colorado College in Studio Art. Her current work investigates how the intricacies of our environmental systems can inform our building decisions, from single-celled organisms to our global concrete production chain.

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 2021, the Center for Architecture awarded **five \$7,500 merit-based scholarships totaling \$37,500** to undergraduate and graduate students in architecture.

- **Carlos Blanco** was awarded **\$7,500** towards his Master of Architecture at the **Yale University School of Architecture**. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from University of California, Berkeley and has interned at MBH Architects and Noll & Tam Architects. Blanco is interested in addressing the inequalities faced by many communities by designing better housing, infrastructure systems, and services.
- **Denice Guillermo** was awarded **\$7,500** towards her Master of Architecture at the **University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning**. Guillermo serves as a residential advisor on campus in the Architecture Living-Learning Community, providing mentoring and guidance to first- and second-year undergraduates. Denice's work reflects on the cultural challenges she and her family faced as immigrants to the United States from the Philippines.
- **Sanjana Lahiri** was awarded **\$7,500** in the pursuit of a Bachelor of Architecture at **Cooper Union**. Lahiri is the Chair of the Student Lecture series, co-founder of the Cooper Union's Architecture Lobby Chapter, and an organizer of Cooper's Climate Coalition, a student-led group advocating for climate action and justice across all aspects of the Institution. One of her projects was acclaimed for making visible the relationship between power, knowledge, architecture, and subject production in Kashmir.
- **Michael Sluchevsky** was awarded **\$7,500** as a third-year student at **Cooper Union's** Bachelor of Architecture program. Sluchevsky's studies investigate the spatial and geometric implications of the architectural double. While completing his second year, he was recruited for the Introduction to Architecture Summer Program for high school and college students.
- **Lucia Song** was awarded **\$7,500** for her graduate studies at **Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation**, pursuing a Master of Architecture. Her work draws on her interest in creating spaces for inclusion and learning by creating connections.

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. In 2021, the Center for Architecture awarded **three merit-based scholarships totaling \$45,500** to high school students pursuing degrees in architecture.

- **Nozima Nurullaeva**, a graduate of **Stuyvesant High School**, will begin her five-year Bachelor of Architecture program at the **Pratt Institute** with **\$20,000** in tuition support towards her freshman and sophomore years.
- **Brittanie Chen**, a graduate of **Brooklyn Technical High School**, will pursue a five-year Bachelor of Architecture program at **Cornell University** with **\$20,000** in tuition support towards her freshman and sophomore years.

- **Md Hoque**, a graduate of **Stuyvesant High School**, will pursue a Bachelor of Architecture at **Syracuse University**. He received an Honorable Mention Award of **\$5,000** for tuition support during his 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.

2021 grants and scholarships were awarded by the 2021 Scholarship Committee:

Barry George Bergdoll, Hon. AIANY, Columbia University (Co-chair)

Kimberly Yao, AIA, Architecture Research Office (Co-chair)

Nina Cooke John, AIA, Studio Cooke John

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

Carol Loewenson, FAIA, LEED AP, Mitchell Giurgola Architects

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Hilary M. Sample, FAIA, MOS Architects

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Sharon E. Sutton, PhD, FAIA, Parsons School of Design

Gia Wolff, AIA, NOMA, NCARB, Princeton University School of Architecture

The 2021 Walter A. Hunt, Jr. Scholarship was awarded by the Walter A. Hunt Jr. Committee:

Judy Hunt, wife of Walter Hunt

Keith Frome Rosen, AIA

Madeline Burke-Vigeland, AIA, Gensler

Joshua Katz, AIA, Gensler

Ambrose Aliaga-Kelly, Gensler

Leslie Jabs, AIA, Gensler

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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