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**Center for Architecture and AIA New York Award \$72,500  
in Scholarships in 2023**

*The Grants and Scholarships program's mission is to make architecture education available to all and diversify research in architecture.*

**August 17, 2023, New York, NY** – This year, the Center for Architecture, in partnership with AIA New York, has awarded \$72,500 in academic scholarships to 10 students via the organizations' Grants and Scholarships Program, a 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 even more scholarships to a broader range of students interested in pursuing the study of architecture.

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

**Center for Architecture Design Scholarship**

The Center for Architecture's namesake scholarship, the [Center for Architecture Design Scholarship](#), is offered to students seeking their first professional degree in architecture or a related design discipline from an accredited school in 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 academic performance and evidence of financial need. The student's financial need will be determined by the guidelines of the Financial Aid Officer of the school nominating the candidate.

In 2023, the Grants and Scholarships Committee awarded two merit-based scholarships totaling \$5,000:

- **Farzana Hossain** was awarded **\$2,500** in her fifth year of the B.Arch program at Cornell University. Her primary focus, as a staunch advocate for the environment, is developing designs that critically engage with the landscape, architecture, and its relationship to people within these built environments. Specifically, Farzana is focusing her research on the use of forest materials from waste to trees to understand a group's dependency upon an ever-fluctuating landscape.

- **Jasper Townsend** was awarded **\$2,500** as he enters his fourth year of the Cooper Union School of Architecture's B.Arch program. Townsend's portfolio demonstrates his exceptional ingenuity across all media in his design work. Jasper's interests predominantly lie in improved spatial techniques, methods of representation, and improved utilization of materiality and foundational elements.

## 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 in New York State. Students must be nominated by the dean or chair of the school of architecture in which they are currently studying in order to apply for this award.

In 2023, the Grants and Scholarships Committee awarded four merit-based scholarships totaling \$20,000:

- **Catherine Chattergoon** was awarded **\$5,000** towards her B.Arch degree with a Minors in Social Justice/Practice & Photography at Pratt University. With an interest in social and spatial equity, she is passionate about architecture as a social practice centered in community engagement and creative agency through design. She currently serves as a board member of The National Organization of Minority Architects, The American Institute of Architecture Students, and was the inaugural Student Advisor to the Dean at Pratt.
- **Ji Yong Chung** was awarded **\$5,000** as a fourth-year architecture student at the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture of the Cooper Union. He was born in Seoul, South Korea, and was raised moving back and forth from South Korea and Chin before moving to New York City. As such, he is interested in how architecture can provide meaningful experiences to people across borders and nations. His design interests predominantly lie in integrating finite detail, structural clarity, and clean compositions in projects regarding responsive architectural forms to their surrounding contexts.
- **Alec Harrigan** was awarded **\$5,000** in the pursuit of a M.Arch at the University of Buffalo. Prior to this degree, he attended SUNY College of Technology at Alfred where he graduated summa cum laude with a B.Sc degree in Architectural Technology and a Minors in Construction Management & History. Harrigan's involvement on campus is reflected through his roles as a member of the AIA Students, Vice President of the Graduate Student Association, and as a TA for first-year architecture studio. His professional passions are geared towards urban design and adaptive reuse in architecture practices.
- **Geri Roa Kim** was awarded **\$5,000** towards her B.Arch degree at Pratt Institute. She has engaged significantly with the greater Pratt architectural community as

President of the school's AIA Students chapter, coordinator of the AIA Lecture Series at Pratt, and assistant on several research projects. Geri's portfolio demonstrates an excellent approach to architecture design and urbanism in response to one's ever-changing landscape.

### **Walter A. Hunt, Jr. Scholarship:**

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

After careful consideration of the highly competitive applications received, two applicants were selected to receive awards totaling \$40,000:

- **Vasily Chumakov**, a graduate of the High School of Art and Design, will begin the Bachelor of Architecture program at Cooper Union with **\$20,000** in tuition supporting his freshman and sophomore years.
- **Helena Uceda**, a graduate of the Bronx High School of Science, will pursue the Bachelor of Architecture program at Cooper Union. She is a recipient of a **\$20,000** award in tuition towards her freshman and sophomore years.

### **2030 Fund**

The [2030 Fund](#) provides student loan debt relief and licensure support for aspiring BIPOC architects pursuing licensure. The fund, created by 2021 AIANY President Kenneth A. Lewis, AIA, in collaboration with the New York Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (nycoba|NOMA), seeks to support NOMA's 2030 Challenge, which aims to double the number of licensed Black architects by the end of the decade. In 2023, its second year, the 2030 Fund awarded \$7,500 in loan forgiveness to six recipients.

### **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 and grants are open to applicants nationwide.

To find out more about our upcoming deadlines, please visit: [centerforarchitecture.org/scholarships-grants](https://centerforarchitecture.org/scholarships-grants).

**Scholarships were awarded by the following 2023 Committees:**

**Scholarship Committee:**

Allison B. Tomlinson, Esq., Gensler  
Andrea D. Lamberti, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Rafael Viñoly Architects  
Jennifer Sage, FAIA, LEED AP, Sage and Coombe Architects  
Nina Cooke-John, AIA, Studio Cooke John  
Sydney Maubert, Studio Maubert  
Eunjeong Seong, Pratt Institute  
Dr. Sharon E. Sutton, Parsons School of Design  
Peter Robinson, Cornell University  
Anthony Titus, Anthony Titus Studio  
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**Walter A. Hunt, Jr. Committee:**

Judy Hunt, wife of Walter Hunt  
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Madeline Burke-Vigeland, FAIA, LEED AP, NCARB, Gensler  
Joshua Katz, AIA  
Ambrose Aliaga-Kelly, AIA, Gensler  
Leslie J. Jabs, AIA, CDT, Gensler

**2030 Fund Selection Committee**

Venesa Alicea, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP, WELL AP, NYVARCH architecture  
Matthew Bremer, AIA, Architecture in Formation  
Andrea D. Lamberti, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Rafael Viñoly Architects  
Allison Lane, AIA, ASID, NOMA, AECOM  
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Kenneth A. Lewis, AIA, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
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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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