Research Grant: 2016 AIA Innovation and Practice in House Design

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. EST on March 23, 2016

The AIA Small Project Practitioners (SPP) and Housing Knowledge Community (HKC) are proud to offer the 2016 AIA Innovation and Practice in Housing Design Research Grant. This grant will fund one design professional to conduct research on a topic related to residential design on a small scale or by small firms.

- The Researcher will have the opportunity to undertake comprehensive professional research on residential and housing design in practice.
- The Researcher's completed work will be published on AIA websites.
- The Researcher will be funded in the amount of $7,000 which may be used for time and/or materials.
- The Researcher may receive funding to present research findings at the 2017 AIA National Convention in Orlando, FL.

Eligibility

This program is open to all AIA members including Associate AIA, International AIA, AIA Emeritus, and AIAS regardless of firm type or employment status.

Application Requirements & Deadline

Please submit a PDF document to knowledgecommunities@aia.org **5:00 p.m. EST on March 23, 2016.** The PDF should contain the following while not exceeding 5 MB in size or 15 pages in length:

- Project title;
- 1 sentence project description (not to exceed 50 words);
- A short narrative proposal of the research plan (not to exceed 750 words);
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
- One Letter of Recommendation from an Architect

Selection

Applications will be evaluated by a jury of practicing architects and AIA staff. The 2016 recipient will be announced on the AIA KnowledgeNet website the week of April 11, 2016.

Preference will be given to proposals that include:

- A design component
- A project which pushes the boundaries of knowledge rather than a review of existing literature
- A final product with direct applicability to small housing projects

Following the selection process, the Researcher will be put in touch with an AIA Advisor to make any changes to the proposed work schedule to start after April 15, 2016 and conclude by Sept. 31, 2016.

Funding

The Researcher will be paid $7,000 for their research and work product. The grant is available to pay for the grantee's research expenses, cost of living, and time spent working on this project. The grant will be distributed over the course of the work period subject to evidence of appropriate progress on the research project.

Research Products

The Researcher will be required to deliver a final report of their findings in a format agreed upon by the Researcher and AIA Advisor. The Researcher will be required to submit their research in a form that is adaptable for presentation at AIA conferences and on the Architects Knowledge Resource. The Researcher may also be invited to participate in AIA Small Project Practitioners and Housing Knowledge Community programs.

The Researcher will assist in the submission of a continuing education seminar for the 2017 AIA National Convention in Orlando, FL. If the seminar is approved for the convention, the Researcher will receive an additional $1000 for travel to the convention and complimentary registration. If not selected for the national convention, the researcher will work with the AIA Advisor to produce a webinar.

Questions?

Contact knowledgecommunities@aia.org