AIA Justice Research Scholarship

The AIA Academy of Architecture for Justice (AAJ) is proud to offer the 2012 AIA Justice Research Scholarship. This program asks one selected emerging professional (defined below) to conduct research on justice facility project data for comparison and analysis. See Research & Scope section below for details.

- The Scholar will have the opportunity to spend their summer doing comprehensive professional research on architecture for justice and case study projects.

- The Scholar will have their completed work published to the AIA websites.

- The Scholar will be funded for their research and work in full equivalent to a 12 week summer architectural internship at $7,000.

Research Topic & Scope

AAJ has an active research committee. This committee has commissioned or carried out a number of leading edge studies and is currently engaged in a project related to use of technology in courtrooms.

The AAJ has, for many years, published an annual Justice Facilities Review (JFR), which includes the state-of-the-art projects in corrections, courts, and law enforcement. Each year, projects are submitted and reviewed by a jury. Each application contains very substantive information about the project, only a small portion of which is published in the Review. It has long been the AAJ's goal to transform this information into a searchable, online (or downloadable) database that would allow our members to find and compare projects of interest. The mapping of trends would also be desirable.

The proposed topic – or scope of work - for our research scholar would be to:
- study the available data
- review other facility databases
- plan a new or modified database to contain as much of the data as possible
- set up the database using readily available software (possibly in Excel or Access format)
- design a web page or coordinate with the AIA to design it
- enter the data, and perform (at the minimum) comparative statistical analysis
- if time allows, a report would be generated describing the results of the analysis.

The work would be carried out under the supervision of a mentor from AAJ, who will review the work on a weekly basis (via email or in person if feasible) to ensure it is meeting AAJ objectives. It appears that the research scholar could gain IDP credit for this experience as well.

Eligibility

The scholarship application is open to all emerging professionals defined as:
- Undergraduate and graduate students in NAAB-accredited architecture programs,
- Architectural interns active pursuing licensure, and
- Young architects (architects with 10 years or less of licensure).

The scholar must be a member of the AIA or AIAS during the term of their scholarship. (If the scholar does not hold the required membership due to financial hardship, AAJ may offer to cover the AIAS membership cost for this year. Please include explanation in your application.)

Application Requirements and Deadline

Please submit a PDF document to aaj@aia.org no later than **12:00 p.m. EDT on April 13, 2012.** The PDF should contain the following while not exceeding 5mb in size or 15 pages in length:

- Resume or Curriculum Vitae with your complete contact information;
- A short description of your research experience and why you would be a good candidate for this research project (not to exceed 500 words);
- One Letter of Recommendation;
- A list of courses taken & other educational experience relevant to the research to be completed;
- A small sample/portfolio specifically demonstrating your experience for this type of research.

Selection

Applications will be evaluated by a jury of practicing architects and AIA staff. A scholar will be selected following the application deadline. The 2012 recipient will be announced on the AIA KnowledgeNet website the week of April 23, 2012.

Following the selection process, the Scholar will be put in touch with a mentor to develop a work plan together for the project duration between June 4, 2012 and September 3, 2012.

Funding

The selected research scholar will be paid $7,000 for their summer research effort and work product. This is equivalent to a 12 week internship at 40 hours per week. This money can pay for the scholar's research expenses, cost of living, and in essence, their time spent working on this project. The scholarship funds will be distributed over the course of the work period.

Research Products

The scholar will be required to deliver a final report of their findings in a format agreed upon by the scholar and mentor. The scholar will be invited to submit to a presentation on their findings at AIA conferences, contribute content to the Architects Knowledge Resource, and participate in AIA multimedia presentations such as audiocasts or webinars.

Questions?

Contact aaj@aia.org.