AIA Innovation and Practice in House Design – Research Grant

Application Deadline: 12:00 p.m. EST on May 23, 2012

The AIA Housing Knowledge Community and Small Project Practitioners (SPP) are proud to offer the 2012 AIA Innovation and Practice in House Design Research Grant. This grant will fund one emerging professional (defined below) to conduct research on residential design practice in small architectural firms or a topic of direct applicability to these firms. Applicants are encouraged to research emerging approaches to the professional practice of architecture.

- 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 for a research effort that is the equivalent to a 12-week full time architectural internship.

Eligibility

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

The Researcher must be a member or Associate member of the AIA or AIAS during the term of the grant.

Application Requirements and Deadline

Please submit a PDF document to knowledgecommunities@aia.org **no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on May 23, 2012.** The PDF should contain the following while not exceeding 5 mb in size or 15 pages in length:

- A short narrative proposal of the research plan (not to exceed 750 words);
- Proposal details including designation of a faculty or professional mentor, a timeline for the project, and a work plan for deliverables and progress;
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae;
- One Letter of Recommendation from an Architect;
- A list of courses taken and other volunteer, work and educational experiences relevant to the research to be completed; and
- A small sample or portfolio of design work and/or research specifically highlighting experience and/or interest in the practice of Architecture.

Selection

Applications will be evaluated by a jury of practicing architects and AIA staff. The 2012 recipient will be announced on the AIA KnowledgeNet website the week of May 30, 2012.

Preference will be given to proposals that include:
- A principle investigator with a record of research and/or practice relevant to the proposed project,
- A mentor with professional qualifications in the area of the proposed research, and
- 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 scheduled to start after June 4, 2012 and conclude by October 31, 2012.

Funding

The Researcher will be paid $7,000 for their research and work product. This is equivalent to a 12 week internship of 40 hours per week. 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, Mentor 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 joint sponsoring knowledge communities of Small Project Practitioners (SPP) and the Housing Knowledge Community (HKC) view the Research Grant as a way for emerging professionals to contribute content and point of view to the members of their communities.

Questions?

Contact knowledgecommunities@aia.org.