
The RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship 2008

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This information sheet for the RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship (11 January 2007) contains three pages.

1 Background

In December 2004, Lord Foster announced his intention to donate a fund to the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) for the creation of an award to students of Architecture.

The then President of the RIBA, George Ferguson, welcomed the scheme and looked forward to establishing a successful partnership with Lord Foster and Foster + Partners to promote the future talent of the profession.

In December 2006 Lord Foster and the RIBA announced that a generous donation from Lord Foster would create a £6,000 travelling scholarship for a single student in 2007. The initial intention was to repeat the award every two years, however due to the success of the scholarship the RIBA and Lord Foster have decided to make an award in 2008.

In November 2006, Lord Foster wrote;

“As a student I won a prize that allowed me to spend a summer travelling through Europe and to study first hand buildings and cities that I knew only from the pages of books. It was a revelation - liberating and exhilarating in so many ways. Today it is my privilege to fund the RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship, which I hope will have a lasting legacy – offering the chance for discovery and the inspiration for exciting new work – for generations to come.”

2 Eligibility

In order to be eligible, students must have successfully completed at least the first year of the Part 1 degree and be enrolled in a School of Architecture with RIBA-validated degree programmes. Other schools may be invited where agreed by both parties.

A list of Schools of architecture with RIBA validation is available at:

<http://www.architecture.com/EducationAndCareers/BecomingAnArchitect/SchoolsAndCourses/ValidatedCourses/ValidatedCourses.aspx>

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3 Applications

Each validated school will be invited to submit one application for the scholarship from one of its students detailing their proposed use of the scholarship. Each school will choose its own method of selecting its student but the completed application form must be signed by the Head of School.

Submission format will be **one 'poster' digital file** (.jpg) at 300 dpi, or pdf equivalent at A1 size, detailing the proposal, and **one signed and scanned application form**. The application form can be downloaded from:

www.architecture.com/educationandcareers

Submissions should then be made to a specified ftp site held at Foster + Partners. Please send an email to **scholarship@fosterandpartners.com** with your full name and University to obtain your personalised credentials to upload your proposal. Foster + Partners will compile all applications and submit a digital copy to the President of the RIBA on CD-ROM or any other suitable format. This copy will be archived in the RIBA British Architectural Library.

4 Selection

Foster + Partners will be responsible for printing, or arranging the viewing of, all applications in an appropriate format for judging and exhibition purposes.

The judging panel shall comprise the following six people:

- Lord Foster
- The President of the RIBA
- Two members of Foster + Partners
- One judge invited by Lord Foster
- One judge invited by the President of the RIBA.

The awarded student must demonstrate the potential for outstanding achievement and original thinking on issues that relate to the survival and the future of our cities and towns.

Applications might address the following themes:

- learning from the past to inform the future
- the future of society
- density of settlements
- sustainability
- use of resources
- quality of urban life
- transport.

Judging of submissions may be recorded by video or any suitable format. The recording may be used for the exhibition.

The judging format may be changed after discussion between Foster + Partners and the RIBA to include any changes in technology that facilitate submissions and judging.

5 Calendar

January:	Heads of Schools of Architecture validated by the RIBA will receive information about the scheme and will be invited to submit one application per school. Heads of School will make their selection to allow one successful student to apply.
March:	Applications are received by Foster + Partners no later than Friday 14 March 2008 . Foster + Partners will submit copies of the applications to the RIBA.
April:	Judging of applications will take place at Foster + Partners' office. Following the judging, the winner will be announced also in April.
June to September:	It is recommended that travelling be carried out by the successful applicant between June and September.
October:	The recipient of the Scholarship is required to submit a report to the RIBA, illustrating the outcome of their travels. The report may be photographic, graphic, or written and can include models, videos, etc.
December:	The report will be exhibited at the same time as the RIBA President's Medals ceremony in early December. The winner will be invited to the Presidents Medals ceremony to meet with Lord Foster or his representative.