
RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship 2009: Description

History and Purpose of the Goldfinger Scholarship

In 1999 the estate of the late architect Ernő Goldfinger generously endowed a sum of money for scholarships to support young Hungarian architects through a period of postgraduate study (in the fields of Architecture, Art or associated disciplines) or work experience within an UK academic institution or architectural practice.

It is hoped that the student or young architect in receipt of the RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship will benefit from the unique support of the Royal Institute of British Architects and gain the knowledge and skills to make them leaders in the field of architectural education or practice.

Terms of the Scholarship

The Scholarship allows for a 12-month grant of up to £13,300 (including fees) to be awarded to a postgraduate student or up to £13,300 to be awarded to an architect at increments dictated by the full terms and conditions of the Trust (see Terms + Conditions document).

Only candidates with offers on either an academic course within an RIBA validated institution or a work placement within a registered UK architectural practice will be considered by the panel. The panel consisting of members of the RIBA will look for evidence of clear academic ability and technical skill when making their selection, as well as a grasp of the English language. They will be interested to know how the student intends to benefit from the experience within the UK and how they might make positive use of these benefits in their communities back home.

Postgraduate study is defined as at least a one-year higher level course undertaken by a student who has successfully completed Part 2 (five years or equivalent) degree level study within one of the Hungarian institutions recognised by the terms of the Trust. Preference will be given to students wishing to study for a Masters but consideration will also be given to other candidates.

Training and work experience placements are defined as meaningful architectural employment in a registered UK architectural practice. Work experience will be equivalent to that expected of a student registered with the RIBA Stage 1 Professional Experience Scheme for a period of no less than five months.

Selection Process

All completed applications must be received by **Thursday, 11 June 2009**. Notwithstanding time required for interviews or requests for further information from the candidates, the selection panel will notify their final choice of first preferred applicant(s) by **Thursday, 31 July 2009**.

For information on the RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship please contact Alexandra Krejczy, RIBA Education Projects Co-ordinator on telephone +44 20 7307 3678 or email alexandra.krejczy@inst.riba.org.

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RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship 2009: Terms and Conditions

General Conditions

All applicants must

1. be under the age of 35 at the end of October 2009;
2. be Hungarian nationals (proof of nationality, such as photocopy of passport, will be required);
3. have successfully completed five years (or equivalent) degree level study in a recognised Hungarian institution;
4. agree to use the money for its intended purpose. The RIBA reserves the right to request the return of funds where they feel it has been used incorrectly;
5. notify the RIBA of any change in personal circumstances that might affect the administration of the award;
6. agree to the terms and conditions of the award.

The RIBA reserves the right to

7. amend the conditions where they feel it necessary or where they feel the conditions bear unduly harshly upon the applicant;
8. to make no awards where they feel no suitable applicant has come forward;
9. to request further information on applicants where they feel it necessary.

Conditions for Option 1 (Training and Work Experience within the UK)

All applicants must

1. have applied for, or ideally be in receipt of, an offer of a work placement for training and work experience;
2. agree to remain in the UK for at least six months which must include a minimum of five months training and work experience;
3. provide quarterly reports to the RIBA Education Department covering professional development while in the UK;
4. be in receipt of the relevant approved documentation from the UK Home Office Immigration and Nationality Directorate (www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk) governing Training and Work Experience placements for foreign nationals. These must be completed in discussion with the prospective employer;
5. In the event of Training and Work Experience being terminated, the successful applicant(s) must supply a letter to the RIBA from the practice explaining why.
 - i. If the practice has no work for the employee, the RIBA will assist in finding a new placement for the remaining period of training;
 - ii. If the employee has shown gross incompetence, negligence or poor discipline, no further payments will be made to the employee;
 - iii. If employment is terminated due to illness, maternity leave or other personal circumstances, further funds will be withheld until such time as those circumstances can be resolved;
6. The successful applicant(s) will receive £2,000 of the fund upon arrival in the UK. Subsequent payments will be made in equal termly instalments for the duration of the training and work experience period.

Conditions for Option 2 (Academic Study within the UK)

All applicants must

1. have applied for, or ideally be in receipt of, an offer of a place on a postgraduate course related to Architecture and/or Art at an academic institution with courses recognised by the RIBA (please see list attached at the end of this form);
2. commence their course of study by no later than October 2009 and have completed it by October 2010;
3. be resident in the UK during the period of study;
4. provide letters from the UK head of school each term notifying the RIBA of their attendance and progress. The RIBA reserves the right to withhold further payment if it transpires the student is failing to attend the course;
5. The successful applicant(s) will receive £2,000 of the fund upon arrival in the UK. Subsequent payments will be made in equal instalments for the duration of the course to cover living expenses. The student's fees will be paid directly to the School of Architecture upon receipt of invoice;
6. No further grants will be made available for re-sits or extended study;
7. In the event of academic study being terminated, the applicant must write a letter to the RIBA explaining why:
 - i. In the event of sickness or extenuating personal circumstances where the student is forced to return home, further payments will be frozen until such time as those circumstances have been resolved;
8. If the student is forced to leave the course due to poor attendance or standard of work, all further payments will be withheld.

Selection Process

1. All completed applications must be received by **Thursday, 11 June 2009**;
2. The RIBA will draw up a short-list of candidates in both category 1 and category 2;
3. If necessary, for example where further information is required, short-listed candidates may be called for interview in Hungary before a panel agreed by the RIBA;
4. Notwithstanding time required for interviews or requests for further information from the applicants, the RIBA aim to notify the final choice of first preferred applicant(s) by **Thursday, 31 July 2009**;
5. The successful applicant(s) in either category must confirm acceptance of the award within two weeks of notification. If the first applicant(s) fails to confirm by this date, it will be offered to the second preferred applicant who must confirm acceptance within two weeks of notification. If no applicant confirms acceptance, no award will be given;
6. The RIBA will inform the successful applicant(s) of all the necessary arrangements required prior to their arrival in the UK. The RIBA will also administer the fund for the duration of the successful applicant(s) course/period of work experience;
7. In the case of Option 1, the RIBA requests that at the end of the period of training successful candidates submit a short written report (maximum 8 pages) with examples of work. In the case of Option 2, the RIBA requests successful candidates submit a copy of the final Masters thesis project. Where appropriate the RIBA reserves the right to use this material in future marketing of the Scholarship.

RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship 2009: Application Form

Application No. (Office Use Only)	G09	
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Please place a recent photograph of yourself here.

Please read carefully the Terms & Conditions before completing this form. This application must be completed and returned no later than **Thursday, 11 June 2009**.

Personal Details	
Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms):	
Family name (as for passport):	
Forename(s):	
Correspondence Address:	
Email:	Tel No.:
Date of Birth:	Sex (M/F)
Family Details:	
Which members of your family will come to Britain if you receive an award?	
How do you intend to finance them?	
Next of Kin (Name, address, telephone) - Person to be notified in an emergency:	
Relationship to you:	
Have you ever had any serious physical or mental illnesses? If so, please give brief details:	

Do you intend to use the RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship to (please tick one):	
1. work in a UK architectural practice <input type="checkbox"/>	2. study at a UK academic institution for one year <input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide contact details of the architectural practice or academic institution where you intend to work/study:	
Contact name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	
Correspondence Address:	
Postcode:	Tel No:
Email:	Fax No:

If studying in an academic institution, please provide the full course title:		
Dates of work/study placement (i.e Oct 2009 – Sep 2010):	From:	To:
Please note: This application must be accompanied by a letter from either the academic institution or the architectural practice confirming the offer of a work/study placement. Applications without confirmation will not be considered.		
Have you applied for a grant from any other funding body (please give details)?		
Name of funding body:		Funding sought (£):

Academic history			
Please state the most recent first. Please attach copies of academic certificates for each award listed within this table. Please also mark with an 'E' any course conducted wholly (or almost wholly) in English. Please be as precise as possible about the qualification obtained.			
NAME OF ACADEMIC INSTITUTION	SUBJECT	GRADE OR CLASSIFICATION	DATE AWARDED

Employment history			
Please state the most recent first. If applicable, please provide at least two references from your past employers.			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION HELD	DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Names and Addresses of Personal Referees			
Please indicate below the names and addresses of two people who have provided your enclosed references. They should be people who are in a position to support your application for the RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship to comment on your suitability and how they believe you will benefit from studying/working in the UK.			
Name:		Name:	
Correspondence Address:		Correspondence Address:	
Tel:	Fax:	Tel:	Fax:
Email:		Email:	
Position:		Position:	

English Language Qualifications
As you will be coming to study/work in the UK it is essential that you have attained a satisfactory level of English. Please state the English language Qualifications you have, or intend to take. Please provide the scores for all components and include a copy of your English Language certificate. Those applicants, who have not completed IELTS training, but are successful in their application, will be offered the opportunity to undertake English language training prior to their arrival in the UK.

Supporting Information

Please complete this section as carefully as possible in order to provide information in support of your application (you may attach additional typed A4 sheets as necessary).

In particular please pay close attention to:

- i. Why, you believe, you would benefit from the RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship.
- ii. Why you think you are a suitable candidate.
- iii. Your future career plans and how you believe this scheme will enhance them.
- iv. How your new knowledge and abilities could be utilised when you return home to Hungary.

Please note: Applicants may also include examples of design work with their application. No more than 6 sides of A3 paper may be submitted. Your statement and drawings will be read and judged by specialists so please use technical terms if you wish.

Declaration (to be signed by the applicant)

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this form is correct in every respect and no information has been omitted. I have completed the form and I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of the RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship 2009.

Applicants signature:

Please note: By signing this form you agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions attached.

Once completed please return this form to:

RIBA Goldfinger Scholarship
RIBA Education
66 Portland Place
London W1B 1AD
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NB: For a list of UK validated architecture schools please visit www.architecture.com

Please state where you have heard or learned about this scholarship by marking the appropriate box:

- University / College
- British Council Office
- Royal Institute of British Architects Office
- British Council Website
- Royal Institute of British Architects Website
- Newspaper (please specify): _____
- Magazine (please specify): _____
- Metro Poster
- Library (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (other documents attached to this application):

Photograph
Proof of nationality
Evidence of qualifications
Testimonials or references (with translations)
IELTS papers
Other (please specify)

UK Academic Institutions with courses recognised by the RIBA

The Robert Gordon University
University of Bath
The Queen's University of Belfast
University of Ulster
Birmingham City University
University of Brighton
University of the West of England
University of Cambridge
University College of the Creative Arts
University of Kent
Cardiff University
University of Dundee
Edinburgh College of Art
The University of Edinburgh
University of Greenwich
University of Glasgow
University of Strathclyde
University of Huddersfield
Kingston University
Leeds Metropolitan University
De Montfort University
University of Lincoln
Liverpool John Moores University
The University of Liverpool
University of Westminster
London Metropolitan University
Royal College of Art
Architectural Association
University College London
London South Bank University
University of East London
University of the Arts, London
The University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University
University of Newcastle Upon Tyne
Northumbria University
University of Nottingham
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
RIBA Examination in Architecture for Office Based Candidates, Oxford Brookes University
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
The University of Sheffield
Sheffield Hallam University