

Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA Fellowship

PURPOSE

The AIA Fellows of Virginia have honored the service and accomplishments of Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA by initiating an endowed Fellowship to both commemorate and continue her efforts in providing young architects with opportunities to learn and grow professionally. Throughout her career, Helene has championed the unique needs of emerging professionals, and advocated on their behalf as President of AIA Blue Ridge, President of AIA Virginia, Regional Director for the Virginias, as a staff Vice President at the American Institute of Architects, as Secretary of the Institute and finally as National President of the American Institute of Architects.

This Fellowship fund is intended to give emerging professionals access to opportunities they might not otherwise have due to cost limitations, knowledge of the profession, or access to a network of peers to help them along their path.

TERMS

The Fellowship is awarded to one individual or team every other year. The award is for a maximum of \$1,000 and is meant to cover basic expenses to allow the recipient time for focused inquiry and exploration in the field of architecture or design. Collaborators may submit joint applications, but each individual must meet eligibility requirements. Joint applications must be submitted as one package.

ELIGIBILITY

Emerging professionals (fewer than 10 years from graduation) are eligible for this Fellowship and individuals who are currently architecture undergraduate students or graduate students are eligible.

DECISION

The jury will announce the award in April during Virginia Architecture Week.

HOW TO APPLY

The application will consist of the candidate's curriculum vitae/resume, a proposal describing their planned activities, anticipated project costs, a timeframe, and the expected deliverable. Completed applications are due by 5 p.m., March 1, 2019 and can be submitted online at www.aiaava.org/hcdf.

DELIVERABLES

Each Fellowship recipient will be asked to share their findings in a format that is most appropriate to the activity. The format of the final report may vary from year to year based on the specific topic being explored. For example, the final deliverable may be a Youtube video, it may be a written report, a presentation or a blog about your experience. The jury would like each recipient to recommend the appropriate deliverable as part of their proposal. The deliverable becomes the property of AIA Virginia.

PAST AWARDS

2017 Shelia Christian, AIA

Shelia's research explored heightened environmental sensitivity among combat veterans with a goal of developing design guidance for facilities housing veterans and others.

SAMPLE IDEAS

Since the fellowship program is new, these ideas are offered as suggestions to show the kind of projects that the selection committee would view favorably. Applicants are encouraged to submit their own proposals and are not limited to the ideas shown here.

AIA Convention Fellowship

Attend and actively participate in the annual AIA convention.

City Summer

Spend a month in a city working to gain opportunities in an office environment. AIA Virginia may be able to provide contacts who would be willing to help.

Mentoring program

Start a mentorship program that pair senior architects with emerging professionals in a structured program.

What I didn't Learn in School

Embark on learning a skill you need but didn't learn in school.

Young Professionals Toolkit

Create tools to help emerging professionals make transitions from school to practice.

Student Toolkit

Create tools to enable students entering architecture school to make the transition to design thinking.

Community of Design Professionals

Establish connections among students or emerging professionals or both that allows meaningful dialogue and fellowship and that advances the profession as a whole.

Community Design

Create a community outreach program to convey the power of design.

Virginia Design Forum

Attend (or present at) the AIA Virginia Design Forum.

Firm Culture

Visit 10 firms to learn how similar or different they are and why.

Young AIA architects

Identify ways that emerging professionals can be recognized and given a voice within the AIA.

Research Project

Explore a topic that interests you to build a database of information that can be shared with others.

