

## Press release

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### 2018 RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship now open

The 2018 Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship opens today and welcomes applications from architecture students enrolled in schools of architecture around the world. A £7,000 grant will be awarded to one winner by a panel of judges which will include Lord Foster and RIBA President Ben Derbyshire.

Lord Foster said: "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 the privilege of The Norman Foster Foundation to support 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."

RIBA President Ben Derbyshire said: "The RIBA is very grateful to The Norman Foster Foundation for its generous donation to this scholarship, which provides a unique chance for architecture students to see buildings in their context. This year, we are making the scholarship truly global by inviting 264 schools of architecture to join the 93 institutions validated by the RIBA to nominate their talented students. I would strongly encourage students to apply for this exciting opportunity."

The deadline for submissions is Friday 20 April 2018. Further details can be downloaded from

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the RIBA website at [www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship](http://www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship).

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**[www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship](http://www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship)**
- First established in 2006, the scholarship, supported by The Norman Foster Foundation and Foster + Partners, is now in its eleventh year and is intended to fund international research on a topic related to the survival of our towns and cities, in a location of the student's choice. Past RIBA Norman Foster Scholars have travelled through the Americas, Europe, Africa, South East Asia, the Middle and the Far East, and Russia.
- Proposals for research might include: learning from the past to inform the future; the future of society; the density of settlements; sustainability; the use of resources; the quality of urban life; and transport.
- The list of higher education institutions invited to nominate students is selected by the RIBA and approved by Foster + Partners, and can be found in the scholarship's application form at [www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship](http://www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship). As in previous years, this list will include all institutions that offer qualifications validated by the RIBA or are recognised by the Commonwealth Association of Architects. In addition, this year, and for the first time, a large number of schools listed under other recognition systems (such as the European

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Directive for Recognition of Professional Qualifications in the EU, or the National Architectural Accreditation Board in the US) are also being invited to take part in the scheme.

- Past recipients of the RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship:
  - 2017: Chloe Loader - University of Lincoln, UK  
'Emerging Cities: Sustainable Master-Planning in the Global South'
  - 2016: Abel Feleke - University of Western Australia, Australia  
'Weaving the Urban Fabric: Examining the Significance of Community'
  - 2015: Charles Palmer - University of Sheffield, UK  
'Cycling Megacities'
  - 2014: Joe Paxton - Bartlett School of Architecture (UCL), UK  
'Buffer Landscapes 2060'
  - 2013: Sigita Burbulyte - Bath University, UK  
'Charles Booth Going Abroad'
  - 2012: Thomas Aquilina - University of Edinburgh, UK  
'Material Economies: Recycling Practices in Informal Settlements Along African Longitude 30'
  - 2011: Sahil Bipin Deshpande - Rizvi College of Architecture, Mumbai, India  
'Sanitation: A Case Study across Eight Metropolises'
  - 2010: Andrew Mackintosh - Robert Gordon University, UK  
'In Search of Cold Spaces'
  - 2009: Amanda Rivera - University of Bio Bio, Chile  
'Ancestral Cities, Ancestral Sustainability'
  - 2008: Faizan Jawed Siddiqi - Rizvi College of Architecture, Mumbai, India  
'The Role of Public Transport in Shaping Sustainable Humane Habitats: Case Studies Across

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Three Continents

– 2007: Ben Masterton-Smith – Bartlett School of Architecture (UCL), UK

‘Emerging East: Exploring and Experiencing the East Asian Communist City’

- The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is a global professional membership body that serves its members and society in order to deliver better buildings and places, stronger communities and a sustainable environment. Follow @RIBA on Twitter for regular updates [www.twitter.com/RIBA](http://www.twitter.com/RIBA)

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