

Press release

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Winner of Second RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship Announced

Foster + Partners is delighted to announce the second recipient of the RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship. Faizan Jawed of Rizvi College of Architecture, Mumbai will be awarded the £6,000 prize for his winning proposal entitled The Role of Public Transport in Shaping Sustainable Humane Habitats. Faizan will study pioneering sustainable infrastructure projects across three continents. He will gain first-hand experience to create a report on some of the most effective public transport systems in the world.

The competition was open to more than 100 RIBA accredited schools worldwide, and the variety of proposals submitted was equally broad. The entries received from North and South America, Asia, Africa and around the UK, ranged from the general for example how architecture is shaped by climate and landscape, or the architecture of a specific country to those that chose instead to focus on a specific topic, such as Faizans infrastructure project.

During his three-month trip he will visit Moscow, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Barcelona, London, Bogota, Curitiba, Santiago and Delhi. Faizan intends to make a short film, write, take photographs and compile a comprehensive resource, which he will take back to India, where he hopes it will inspire others to make more sustainable transport choices. During his trip, he will interview planners, architects and residents and finally present his research at the 11th International Conference on Humane Habitats at his college in Mumbai. Faizan will also present his findings at the Foster + Partners studio in London later in the year.

The scholarship, administered by the RIBA, was judged by a panel comprising Lord Foster, Sunand Prasad, President of the RIBA, Spencer de Grey and Stefan Behling of Foster + Partners, Signy Svalastoga of the University of East London and Sarah Miller, Editor of Condé Nast Traveller. The jury also highly commended a submission by Charles Browne-Cole, a student from the University of Plymouth. Charles will also receive an award to pursue his planned research into local sustainability initiatives in Central America.

Norman Foster said:

The students of today will have to deliver sustainable solutions for the future. Faizans proposal underlines the importance we must place on the broadest possible vision for the integration of public transport into the infrastructure of our cities. This is one of the central components for sustainability as well as for the quality of urban living. I wish him every success.

Sunand Prasad said:

"In planning future settlements, the importance of the design of integrated public transport systems will be greater than ever. Research into looking at new ways of how the urban form and the built environment can work to produce an environmentally sustainable solution, whilst meeting our ever

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expanding demands for travel is both a fascinating and necessary study. I very much look forward to his findings and wish him the best of luck."

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