

Press release

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Winner of the fourth RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship revealed

The 2010 RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship has been awarded to Andrew Mackintosh, a student of the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture at the Robert Gordon University Aberdeen. His proposal, *In Search of Cold Spaces*, to explore the squares and piazzas of cities in Scandinavia, Russia, Canada, Greenland and Iceland, seeks to gain an understanding of what north means and how the design of public spaces might counter any perceived loss of regional identity.

A total of 35 RIBA-accredited schools put forward candidates, with proposals from 11 different countries the highest number of applications since the scholarship was launched in 2006. The jury, led by Lord Foster, included senior representatives from Foster + Partners and the RIBA, as well as architecture critic, Jonathan Glancey and architect, Greg Penoyre.

The jury highly commended two further proposals: *Case Studies in 8 Cities Across the World on Squatter Communities* by Hugh Magee of the University of Ulster and *The Nuclear-Urban Condition* by Stefan Joksic of the University of Technology, Sydney. Both students will be awarded £500 towards their research.

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"Andrews proposal relates to a critical principle in the design of public space respect for the culture of place with its history, traditions and identity. We were particularly impressed with the clear goals that he has set out to achieve. I wish him the best with his trip and look forward to learning about his findings later in the year."

Norman Foster, Founder and Executive Chairman

"I am delighted that so many students have been able to benefit from this very generous scheme; the scholarship provides students of architecture a unique opportunity to pursue a research project that will no doubt influence and inspire for many years to come."

Ruth Reed, RIBA President

Notes to editors:

1. For further information, please contact Mina Vadon in the RIBA Press Office on 020 7307 3761 or email mina.vadon@inst.riba.org.
2. Initially set up in 2006 as a biennial programme, the £6,000 RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship is awarded to one student to fund international research on a topic and in a location of their choice. Their findings will be presented in a report which may be photographic, graphic or written - to be displayed at an exhibition at the RIBA and available to view in the RIBA Library. In January 2009, Foster + Partners donated an extra £100,000 to the endowment of the RIBA Norman Foster Travelling

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Scholarship, enabling the scheme to run annually.

3. For information about the RIBA Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship contact John-Paul Nunes or Alex Nelia in the RIBA Education Department, on 020 7307 3678, or visit the Norman Foster Scholarship page on the RIBA website.