The Society of Architectural Historians Announces a New Dissertation Research Fellowship Opportunity

SAH is pleased to offer the Gill Family Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship to provide support for eligible doctoral candidates in the field of architectural history and related areas including, but not limited to, the history of architecture interiors, landscapes, urbanism, architectural theory, and architectural criticism by graduate students whose work has potential to impact discourse in the field.

The Gill Dissertation Research Fellowship consists of a $5,000 stipend paid to the recipient to be used for dissertation research needs and expenses including travel, accommodations, fees, etc.

SAH is inviting Department Chairs or Graduate Program Directors to nominate one candidate from a relevant PhD program whose work you believe is eligible for the fellowship. SAH will then invite the nominated individual to apply for the fellowship through the SAH website portal. This is a competitive application process. Applications will be processed by SAH according to eligibility; a committee appointed by the SAH President will review and select the recipient. The recipient of the Gill Family Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship will be notified in January 2022.

If your college has more than one PhD program that would be eligible, one candidate can be nominated from each program. Please see eligibility requirements below.

To nominate a candidate for the fellowship, please complete the attached form and return to SAH (info@sah.org) by June 15, 2021.

Eligibility Requirements for the Gill Family Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship

Eligibility will be focused on projects that are original and have the potential to impact the field of architecture through:

- Demonstrating an innovative, challenging idea; critical, independent thinking; advanced scholarship; a new approach or methodology.

- Potential to make a meaningful contribution to discourse and/or to the field; expands knowledge; is a catalyst for future inquiry.

- Sound methodology and clear, realistic goals; a reasonable timeframe for research or writing; available and accessible sources.

- Applicants will possess strong qualifications and/or knowledge and demonstrate an ability to complete the dissertation successfully.

- Applicant must be admitted to candidacy for a doctoral degree in architectural history or a related field including, but not limited to, the history of architecture interiors, landscapes, urbanism, architectural theory, and architectural criticism.

- Applicant must be a current member of the Society of Architectural Historians

- Application and dissertation must be written in English.

- Application is open to citizens of any country who are studying at a university in the United States.

- Applicant has been nominated by their department and invited to apply by SAH.
Application Process (After receiving an invitation from SAH)

- The application submission window is June 1–July 31, 2021.
- Applicant must be nominated by their department and invited to apply by SAH.
- Applicant must submit their completed application packets to the SAH office via the online portal.

All submissions must include the following and be assembled into a single PDF document in this order:

1. A cover letter with full contact details and identification of author and the main academic advisor(s), along with advisor contact details.
3. A project statement that describes the project goals, the significance of the work, and its contribution to the field (1,000 words).
4. A literature review that explains how the project fits into the existing literature or research on the topic (500 words).
5. A work plan for research (250 words).
7. A curriculum vitae.