



Call for Applications 2022

The Delano & Aldrich / Emerson Fellowship

Amount: \$15,000 USD

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Since 1930, the American Institute of Architects has awarded a French architect a fellowship for travel and study in the US. An important donation to the AIA was made before the last world war by the American alumni of the École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-arts de Paris, William Delano and Chester M. Aldrich, with a view to founding a travel grant allowing a young French architect to discover or better understand the United States under the most diverse aspects: including architecture, urbanism, landscape architecture and interior design.

The fellowship selects one candidate to travel to the United States for three months with a budget of \$15,000.

The subjects will be more relevant if there is a connection with current issues such as sustainable architecture, net zero buildings, resiliency, a healthy built environment and inclusive design.

At the request of the American Committee, the duration of the stay in the United States must be **three consecutive months during the year 2022**, to be completed before the end of year (except if pandemic restrictions intervene). The laureate will have to respect this clause. To facilitate administrative procedures the laureate will enter the United States with an ESTA application and a valid passport.

The architect is selected by a French committee selected by the AIA composed by former laureates, AIA architects and members of the French “Académie d’architecture.”

Upon arrival, the laureate will be welcomed and assisted in the US by a committee of AIA member architects. With its support, the laureate will be able to plan the trip in advance as well as contact the persons to be met during the period of travel.

Upon returning to France, the laureate will send a completed study to the American and French committees and will organize a lecture in Paris with the French committee.

Criteria:

- French nationality
- Graduated as an HMNOP architect or DE (or equivalent)
- Age: from 23 to 35 years old

Deadline:

February 4, 2022

Application form*

- Application letter (2 pages – 10 MB)
- Theme and issues of the trip: definition of the topic, study goals, travel logistics. Keep in mind that this is a travel grant and not a university research grant. (4 pages – 10 MB)
- Résumé (curriculum vitæ, 1 page – 10 MB)
- Portfolio (selection, 4 pages – 10 MB)

* The documents can be written in either English or French.

All documents must be posted on the google formular:

<https://forms.gle/2EVpT6S4jLKtsAxw9>

The selected short-list candidates (6 to 8 in number) will present their proposed topics in March of 2022 during individual thirty-minute interviews with the French Committee and a member of the American Committee, explaining the proposed travel project as well as the portfolio and any other documents useful for a better understanding of intent and motivation. Part of the interview will be conducted in English.

For the audition, the Jury will take place in March at the Académie d'Architecture, 9 place des Vosges, 75004 Paris. The exact date will be communicated in the coming weeks to the candidates.