
RIBA Wren Insurance Association Scholarships 2024

Information and Guidance notes for applicants

Background

The RIBA Wren Insurance Association Scholarships were established in 2013 as an annual scheme funded by The Wren Insurance Association Limited {"Wren"} to support students enrolled in a RIBA Part 2 professional qualification course in Architecture in a UK higher education institution.

Wren is an Architects' Professional Indemnity Insurance Mutual committed to providing its insureds (the Members) with the widest possible cover that is sustainable in the long term so that all legitimate claims can be paid. It was set up in 1987 by and for architects who came together to share risk and technical know-how, and currently comprises 70 Members drawn from some of the UK's largest and best-known architectural practices.

The scholarships aim to support outstanding students who have the potential to make a significant contribution in the field of architecture. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist with course-related expenditure such as design and fieldwork costs, or as a contribution towards tuition fees and living costs.

In 2024, there are five scholarships of £7,500 available to support one student each during the final year of their Part 2 studies in the UK. The winning applicants may also be offered the opportunity of being mentored by one of the Members of the Wren for the duration of the scholarship period.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

- have graduated from a RIBA Part 1 professional qualification course in Architecture in a higher education institution based in the UK, and
- at the time of application, be enrolled in a RIBA Part 2 professional qualification course in Architecture in a higher education institution based in the UK and be starting the final year in September 2024.

Selection criteria

The judging committee will select the successful candidate on the basis of the applicant's talent, as demonstrated by the academic and non-academic achievements of the applicant to date. Consideration will also be given to:

1. The applicant's potential contribution to architecture, as demonstrated by their academic intentions, any relevant experience, and their aspirations for their future career
2. The applicant's personal circumstances and their journey to architecture and the applicant believes that the scholarship will have a positive effect on their academic and professional ambitions

The RIBA and the Wren Insurance Association are committed to driving equality, inclusion and diversity within architectural education, and welcome applications from students whose profiles are currently underrepresented in the profession.

In the case of two equally good applications, preference will be given to applicants who are RIBA members.

Employees of the RIBA, employees of the Wren, and members of the RIBA Education Committee or delegated working groups responsible for the assessment of the RIBA education funding schemes are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

The judging committee will comprise the following:

- Up to two judges nominated by the RIBA, selected from among members of the RIBA Education Development Group
- Up to two judges nominated by the Wren, selected from among Members of the Wren
- One independent moderator and chair of the panel (nominated by the RIBA and approved by the Wren)

Following the initial review of applications, shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview. It is likely that interviews will be held remotely via video call. If selected for an interview, further details will be provided.

Timetable

1. Call for applications launched: Monday 29 April 2024
2. Deadline for receipt of applications: 3pm Friday 7 June 2024
3. Shortlisting of applications: Throughout June 2024
4. Interview of shortlisted applicants: Early July 2024
5. Applicants notified immediately after judging
6. The payment of each scholarship will be made in October 2024 subject to the recipient meeting the terms of the scholarship.

Payment

Payment of each scholarship will be made in one instalment in October 2024, subject to the recipient meeting the eligibility criteria.

Submitting your application

Applications must be completed via Good Grants <https://riba.grantplatform.com>

The deadline for receipt of applications is **3pm Friday 7 June 2024**. Applications received after this date will NOT be considered.

All information provided in the applications will be treated in the strictest confidence, in line with the RIBA Privacy Policy: architecture.com/about/privacy-policy