

Call for Submissions

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AIA Board Knowledge
Committee and the
AIA College of Fellows

Objective

To provide base matching funds for applied research projects that advance professional knowledge and practice.

Description

The AIA seeks proposals for research projects to be completed in an 18-month period beginning December 1, 2009. The AIA will award up to four grants between \$15,000 and \$30,000 each, for selected projects (awarded funds must be hard dollar matched; a maximum of 10 percent of funds may be used for overhead). This grant qualifies recipients to have their findings and outcomes published both electronically and in a nationally distributed publication.

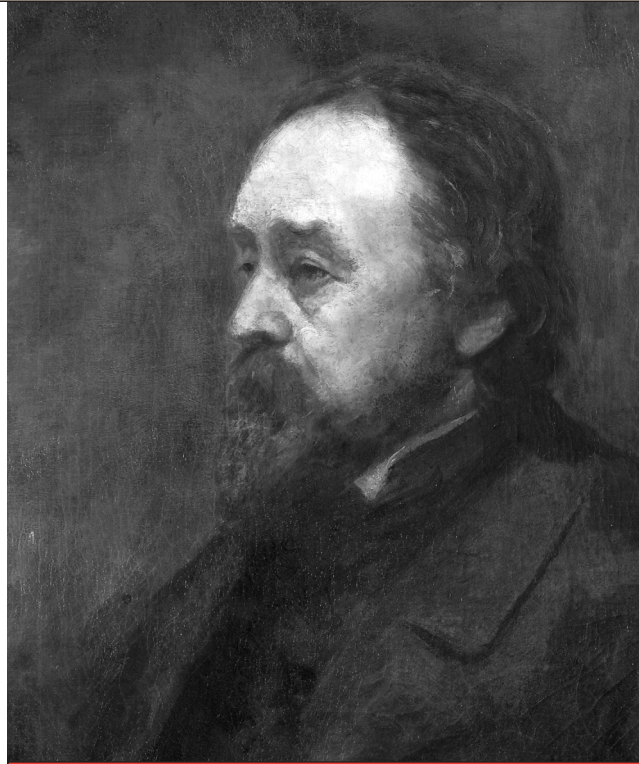
Preference will be given to proposals that have teams comprising of both academics and practitioners. Also preferable are long records of team collaboration and a budget using less than the 10% maximum for overhead (i.e., indirect costs).

AIA Upjohn research context

Proposals that address practice issues, building typology, or materials and methods of construction are welcome. The research must relate to one or more domains of architectural knowledge: Leadership, Practice, Design, and Building Performance. Proposals must be framed within six broad research areas: Social, Technological, Environmental, Cultural, Organizational, or Design.

AIA research priorities

Sustainability (e.g., consequences of the global demand for resources, climate change mitigation, carbon-neutral buildings, regenerative/disassembly buildings); limitations of water availability on buildings, urbanization (e.g., the effects of aging infrastructure, optimizing conditions for human development); demographic measures for public health and well-being, energy consumption and better metrics for building performance (e.g., benefits of daylighting versus artificial light); ergonomics for users of particular facilities (e.g., movement patterns, next-generation flexible facilities); development of minimum design requirements for a facility type(s); relationship of buildings to community identity, heritage, and the broader eco-logical function (e.g., urban form and wellness); integrated practice collaboration models; and other novel concepts or innovations.



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Format for blind submission (two files required)

Digital submissions only, sent by e-mail, as a PDF or MSWord document of three pages maximum. In the first file the information required: Project title; 250-word project abstract; budget; clients and constituencies (and/or knowledge communities served); 250-word summary of projected outcomes. Please use the first two words in the title of the project as the file name. In a second file list the principal investigator(s); institutional affiliation; and the names and contact information for three references. Please use the first two words in the title of the project as the file name, plus the letters ID. No cover sheet is required for either file. Images may be used but file size should be kept to a minimum.

Selection process

A panel of seven professionals from the AIA Board Knowledge Committee and the AIA College of Fellows—which includes representatives of both the academic community and the profession—will evaluate each submission and select grant awardees. Please note this year's submission is blind. Full details on the submission process will be available June 1, 2009 at <http://www.aia.org/practicing/research/index.htm>.

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DEADLINES

September 1, 2009

Blind submissions are due to rhayes@aia.org.

October 1, 2009

Recipients will be contacted via e-mail

October 30, 2009

Verification of matching funds due (recipients must sign an agreement to abide by the schedule below)

SCHEDULE

November 6, 2009

Funds awarded

December 1, 2010

Draft findings due

May 1, 2011

Final report due