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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

Scholarships for Regional + City Planning Students

Graduate scholarship applications are due April 1st.

How to Apply for Scholarships

All undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Architecture may apply for scholarships through the Centralized Academic Scholarship Hub (CASH) at ou.edu/scholarships.

Eddie Carol Smith Scholarship

Application Deadline: February 15

The Eddie Carol Smith Scholarship was established to honor the contributions of Dr. Eddie Carol Smith who served as Graduate Dean from 1993 until 1999, and Vice President of Research from 1995 until 1999. The Scholarship encourages research and creative activity among graduate students, and recognizes the significant contributions of these graduate students to our society. The Eddie Carol Smith Scholarship is a one-year award that will go to a graduate student whose research / capstone project either opens a new area of scholarly endeavor or significantly expands an existing area of scholarly endeavor. Applicants must be near the end of their degree requirements, as it is expected that the academic year during which the student serves as the Eddie Carol Smith Scholar is also the academic year in which the student will complete the degree.

THE AWARD

- \$2,000 in professional development funds. These funds may be used to assist with the research project (i.e., archival research, data-collection, supplies & equipment, etc); to assist with the preparation of the final dissertation, thesis, or capstone project; or for travel to either present the research/project or to conduct research for the project.
- A full tuition waiver for both the fall and spring semesters of the award year

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Any department offering a graduate degree on the Norman Campus may submit nominations for the Eddie Carol Smith Scholarship. To be eligible for nomination an applicant must:

- Be a graduate student on the Norman campus
- Carry at least a 3.60 grade point average in all coursework for the degree
- Be approaching the “last” year of the graduate degree
- Be engaged in either a doctoral dissertation, master’s thesis, or master’s capstone project
- Be recommended for the Award by the major professor
- Have the endorsement and support of the department and the budget college dean

[Please note: the recipient need not hold a graduate assistantship during the year of the award]

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination materials must include

- A copy of the student's completed Admission to Candidacy Form for master's applicants or a copy of the student's completed Advisory Conference Report for doctoral applicants
- A current copy of the applicant's Curriculum Vitae
- A Research Statement prepared by the applicant. This statement should include a detailed description of the research / project. The statement must be readable by an interdisciplinary audience. It should be written in a grant proposal format rather than as an abstract of a work already completed. It should clearly identify the scholarly issues being addressed in the research / project. It should outline the tasks that will be performed to complete the research/project. If applicable, it should include any early conclusions or preliminary findings.
- A brief budget/financial statement indicating the proposed use of the professional development funds in conjunction to the research/project.
- A Reference Letter prepared by the applicant's major professor. This letter should speak to the ability of the student to complete the proposed research/project and the current status of the research/project (i.e., prospectus completed, conducting research, etc.). It should also describe the scholarly significance and potential impact of the proposed research/project, as well as the expected time-frame for the applicant to complete the degree.
- An Endorsement Signature of the applicant's graduate liaison or department chair
- An Endorsement Signature of the applicant's budget college dean or designated representative

SELECTION PROCESS

An ad hoc committee selected from members of the Graduate Council will review the nominations immediately following the deadline and recommend a recipient to the Graduate Dean. The scholarship will begin the following fall semester.

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Architecture Board of Visitors Scholarship

Number given: Varies

Amount: Varies

Type: Merit/Need

Eligibility: Provides scholarships in the College of Architecture; academic performance and financial exigency will be considered in selecting recipients.

Available to: Undergraduate/Graduate

Christopher C. Gibbs Endowed Scholarship

Number given: Varies

Amount: \$4,000

Type: Recruiting/Retention; Merit/Need

Eligibility: Full-time, regularly-enrolled student in CoA; Minimum 2.5 overall GPA; Demonstrated financial need. For those who meet the criteria, priority selection will be given to recruiting or retaining the highest quality, deserving student.

Deadline: February 1 UG/April 1 Grad

Available to: Undergraduate/Graduate

Flex-Ability Concepts Scholarship

Number given: Varies

Amount: Varies

Type: Merit

Eligibility: Full-time, regularly enrolled students in the College of Architecture; must maintain at least a 3.0 overall GPA; and design worthy of recognition shall be deemed to be those the selection committee agrees uses Flex-Ability Concepts products in an innovative way.

Available: Graduate

Joe and Jayne Buskuhl Scholarship

Number given: Varies

Amount: Varies

Type: Merit/Need

Eligibility: An endowed fund established in the names of Joe and Jayne Buskuhl to provide scholarships in the College of Architecture.

Available to: Undergraduate/Graduate

Joseph Lee Rodgers Scholarship

Number given: Varies

Amount: Varies

Type: Merit

Eligibility: Provides scholarship support to an outstanding Regional and City Planning student in honor of Joseph Lee Rodgers for his contributions to the OU Regional and City Planning program.

Available to: Undergraduate/Graduate

Charles Robert Goins Award for Outstanding Achievements by a Planning Student

Number given: Varies

Amount: Varies

Type: Merit

Eligibility: This annual award is presented to a student planner for outstanding achievement during the respective nominee's academic career in planning. Nominees must be in their final year of an APA-accredited undergraduate or graduate planning program in the State of Oklahoma or will graduate from such a program during the year of their nomination for this award.

Available to: Graduate

Leonard M. Logan Founder's Scholarship

Number given: Varies

Amount: Varies

Type: Merit/Need

Eligibility: Full-time, regularly enrolled students in the Division of Regional and City Planning in the College of Architecture at OU. The student must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation and must need supplemental financial assistance. The funds may be used to recruit candidates for the Master's in Regional and City Planning program.

Available to: Undergraduate/Graduate

Additional Scholarships for RCPL Students

The following are additional scholarships that are also available to RCPL students. They have varying application deadlines and must be submitted to the appropriate organizations. We have tried to provide links when available. However, you will be notified of new scholarship opportunities; if you know of any additional scholarships, please let the [Scholarship Coordinator](#) know so that we can post them in this section of our website.

Judith McManus Price Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, every year

Academic Standing: Undergraduate or graduate planning students

Women and minority (African American, Hispanic American, or Native American) students enrolled in an approved Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) planning program who are citizens of the United States, intend to pursue careers as practicing planners in the public sector, and are able to demonstrate a genuine financial need are eligible to apply for this scholarship which will range between \$2,000 to \$4,000.

[Read more about this scholarship from the American Planning Association](#)

For questions, please contact the Scholarship Coordinator at coascholarships@ou.edu, (405) 325-6493..