Dear CA+P Family,

I write to you at a wonderful time to be involved in our professions in the state of Utah. 2021 was one of the best economic years on record, and although signs point to some sort of slowdown in the coming months, it has not appeared to happen yet. Student interest in our fields has exploded with a freshman class of 154 and 751 students overall; this while moving our required high school gpa up to a minimum of 3.5. This resulted in this large class having an average 3.74 hs gpa, surpassing by far what had happened previously. Our only regret is we cannot accommodate more of these highly qualified and increasingly diverse students. If there is one hope I have for the new Dean, it is that you collectively will be able to enlighten the state legislature that these are indeed high demand, well-paying fields that are critical to the state. As the Board of Trustees said when I had the pleasure of highlighting our College a couple of weeks ago, “This is a College punching above its weight.” Indeed we are, thanks to all of us pulling together.

2022 has also brought the college:
- Completion of our Inclusive Success building project along with a new video/photo studio
- The beginning of our new studio space in the historic Field House (3rd floor Lofts)
- A new Chair for the Division of Multi Disciplinary Design (Nicole Porter)
- Additional new faculty including Dr. Tim Adekunle in the School of Architecture, an expert in the nexus of sustainability, innovative technology and culture and as of January 2023, Dr. Alexandra Ponette-Gonzalez, an innovative joint hire between City and Metropolitan Planning with the Natural History Museum of Utah who will operate at the nexus of urban ecology, collections and citizen science
- Additional new staff as we recover from the budget cuts related to COVID including Ben Gregory, Alex Francis-Riggan, Dusty Prebble and Ana Belmonte
- Over $1.6 million in external research grants
- Noteworthy national symposia including an Age-Friendly Communities symposium in September, and in November, the Utah Disaster Resilience Symposium

Without question, the College of Architecture + Planning is a college with an immense upward trajectory and I am deeply humbled by the privilege I have had serving as Dean for what will ultimately be nine years. This is indeed a special place and I look forward to where we go together when we welcome the new Dean. I know you are proud of how our students, staff and faculty have emerged from the challenges of COVID more invigorated to be trailblazers in this rapidly changing world.

Thank you so very much for believing in the College of Architecture + Planning and the University of Utah. May 2023 bring us all more peace and joy and even greater enthusiasm for our continuing journey of excellence.
Keaton McCargo

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M.Arch 2024

Scholarships provide a way for me to pursue my degree without financial stress, making my ability to create more open to exploring new possibilities. It means the world to me to have such support, and it is an absolute honor.

I love the endless possibilities of creation. Architecture combines many facets of life, from design to community and getting your hands dirty. I love these things, and I could not live without them.

Laurie Anne Larson

FRED MONTMORENCY MHTN SCHOLARSHIP
M.Arch 2024

I want to extend my most sincere gratitude for the assistance provided to myself and my colleagues by donors who are dedicated to furthering the careers of young professionals. To have this financial assistance at this early stage in our careers bolsters our ability to complete our programs and fully dedicate ourselves to our academic work.

The huge variety of problems and opportunities within architecture and design is so exciting to me. The firm I work for not only takes on a wide variety of projects, each with their own unique circumstances to consider, but they are also involved in art-making and other opportunities within design. I am glad to have found a discipline with so much variety and breadth.
Preeti Gurung

JANE BARRETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
M.ARCH 2023

I am passionate about working on community engagement projects with a focus on research and innovation while respecting the culture and vernacular architecture of the community. I am really grateful for the scholarship I received for fall because it meant I could join the DesignBuild program. This program will help me build a foundation in a collaborative design-build project with the people of Utah, the university, and my colleagues. Further, I believe I can contribute to research and design projects with the expertise developed from the program.

I feel confident in working in similar situation where I can communicate, design and build to improve the spaces and enhance experiences in communities that are in need through well thought design interventions constructed with community members. Architecture excites me because I believe good architecture creates interdisciplinary dialogue between environment, psychology, art, policies, law, and so on.

Haany Samimi

THINK ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIP
M.ARCH 2024

Receiving this scholarship is more than just receiving money; it means my community cares about me. I can’t express my appreciation in words. Your generosity helped me to reach my goals. It allowed me to continue my education in architecture. Instead of worrying about the financial burden on my family, I can focus on learning more about novel topics in architecture. I got hired as an associate architect in the summer. I hope to be able to give back to my community in the future the same as what you did for me.

It is exciting that nothing can limit architects’ creativity, in other words, “Sky’s your limit.”
Jack Burton

TED & BEVERLY SMITH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
M.ARCH 2025

I’d love to say a huge thank you to the donor of my scholarship, without their support I might not be able to pursue my dream and therefore they are really providing me with an opportunity of a lifetime. As an international student the tuition can sometimes be higher and loans a lot more difficult to get and so receiving this scholarship has definitely taken a lot of stress off of my shoulders.

I am thrilled with the importance that the School of Architecture is placing on design justice and the theory throughout our curriculum. It is really inspiring me to look deeper into my own buildings and program to understand the social impacts buildings potentially have on culture and community.

Sagan Gotberg

TED & BEVERLY SMITH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
M.ARCH 2025

I would love to be able to shake the hands of Ted and Beverly Smith and tell them how thankful I am to be the recipient of their scholarship, to share with them how much they’ve helped me this semester, and share with them all the things I’ve been working on. Receiving this scholarship meant the world to me and my family. We were able to take a breath and step away from the stress of paying tuition, and I was able to focus more intently on my studies.

I received an undergraduate degree in film and media arts with an emphasis in entertainment arts and engineering. My passion for architecture resides in the tension between what is possible and what could be possible. Coming up with designs and making them possible in the physical world is enthralling to me.
This scholarship has been extremely exciting and relieving! It has not only helped financially, but has validated my strengths as a woman in the industry. Thank you for supporting me and the School of Architecture! Your generosity is so appreciated and encouraging.

Architecture excites me most in how it serves its inhabitants. The feelings design provokes are so valuable, and the potential to create such environments is extremely exciting.

Thank you for supporting my education. Without this scholarship, it wouldn’t be possible to cover school tuition and other expenses. This support drives me to achieve my dreams and do well in school.

In this profession, I look forward to bringing out the best in myself and making a difference by contributing to the community and my career by giving back and helping support others.
Thank you so much for providing this opportunity for me. It means a lot, allowing me to focus more on study and research rather than worrying about anything else financially. Furthermore, it is also a supportive recognition and compliment for all the work I have done and all the effort I have put into my projects and researches. I will keep working hard and bring positive influence and impact to our learning atmosphere, and I will try my best to help my peers and instructor the best I can!

I think the most impressive part of architecture is when it helps solve social and cultural problems. It changes people’s stereotype and perspective by creating different special relationships and spontaneously makes people feel comfortable and communicative.
Mason Chavez

TOM KASS FELLOWSHIP
M.ARCH 2024

Thank you for believing in my fellow students and me. I hope you know your donation is much more than just a dollar amount but rather makes a life-altering experience for the students. I am a first-generation college student and have had to navigate college all on my own. Your help has given me an experience of a lifetime that I will forever be grateful for. I have loved my time here at the University of Utah and I know that I owe a huge part of that to all those who have helped me along my journey.

Architecture excites me because I love creating spaces that are to be used and experienced. Space to me should have meaning and I love creating that meaning.

Solvita Karklins

FFKR SCHOLARSHIP
M.ARCH 2023

A scholarship to me is representative of an investment. An investment for the community, for future architecture in the area, for the incoming architects and designers, and for me. It inspires me to work hard, maintain relationships, and continue to grow as a designer, student, colleague, and community member. Thank you so much for allowing me to prioritize my education during this time period and relieving financial stress that typically takes up time and energy.

I love that I can combine various interests into architecture - art, science, data analysis, literature, lighting, construction, engineering, and more. This excites me as the opportunities are endless and I am able to continue learning and growing, long after school. I can’t wait to see where my career takes me and the people I meet along the way.
A scholarship means that I have the ability to focus on my graduate work with a level of rigor that would not otherwise be possible. In turn I hope that this will cause me to be better prepared to enter the architectural community when I graduate and make a real impact on the world around me. Thank you so much for giving to the school. It allows students like me who otherwise might not be able to attend graduate school an opportunity to follow their passion.

I am most excited about how great architecture can affect people’s lives. We need beautiful and well-designed spaces in order to improve or succeed as a culture and architecture, design, and planning are the only ways to achieve that.

My degree of study is Master of Architecture. I am very grateful for the scholarship, and it has made my dream for higher education possible. This scholarship enables my growth in my career and for the future.

I am excited about architecture because built spaces are at the core of human existence. They are informed by the cultural, political, economic and environmental factors that we choose to live in. This overlap is what excites me about spatial design and that fact that one would see the spaces designed come to life and used by people keeps me interested in it.
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NITC SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

A scholarship means everything. I’ve never had financial support from my family so I’ve relied on scholarships throughout my educational career. Financial aid allowed me to graduate with an architecture degree and become a licensed architect. Now it’s helping me to contribute further to society by becoming a planner. Good planning can truly lift communities, especially those that have been historically marginalized. Gaining experience and a strong foundation in the mechanics of planning and the complexities of its challenges better positions me to contribute to more just neighborhoods, cities, and regions.

Jed Shum

EMERGING DIVERSITY SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP
MCMP 2023

I really wish to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, as a scholarship provided mental relief and a huge help in me kick-starting my career path and getting on track in life. With the scholarship, I am able to take part in many professional projects and gain precious experience to build up my resume. I also now have the chance to have an early opportunity to start preparing and studying for my AICP exam, thanks to the scholarship. I think planning and urban design excites because of the potential people in the future that I get to help and assist. Also, I joined the multi-cultural APA group in Utah, as it is still a really small minority group here in Utah, and it is this scholarship that helped promote diversity within the planning group in Utah. others for good. I have come to realize how much a space can affect someone’s daily life and I love being even a small part of it.
Cassandra Serna

NITC SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

This scholarship means that I have people and organizations that believe in me and in what I hope to contribute to my career in the future. I am thankful that I have received support, which provides me with relief and peace of mind as I work towards completing my graduate degree.

I am most excited to work on plans that work to engage communities, especially underserved and minority communities. I am looking forward to pushing for creative and innovative ideas to improve the quality of life and advocating for change.

McCall Christensen

EUGENE CARR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

I am beyond humbled to be the recipient of this scholarship. It has provided me with a pathway to achieve goals I didn’t think were possible a year ago. It allows me to find where I can make the most significant impact as a future planner.

As an MCMP student, I am most excited about the abundant opportunities that allow me to transition from reactive public health and clinical care prevention to proactive prevention in planning. I am eager to continue my advocacy work on a larger scale with innovative and sustainable practices.
Matias Pedreira

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

The scholarship changed my life and allowed me to make a dream possible by having access to an excellent education. It is a blessing that opens the doors of the future. Your contributions have a tremendous impact on people.

What excites me the most about a future in planning is the opportunity to change people’s lives.

Jasmine Garcia

NITC SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

Being a scholarship recipient has made it possible for me to start my 1st year in grad school without the financial anxiety. Scholarships have given me the opportunity to advance my higher education and to achieve my career goals, which means a lot coming from a working-class family and from a family in which neither parent attended college.

Although this is my first year in the MCMP program, I am excited to learn about the work that planners do, including community engagement in the planning process. I want government and planning officials to understand the strengths and assets of the communities they serve and to collaborate with historically marginalized communities in creating affordable housing and housing recovery plans.
Will Goodreid

NITC SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

This scholarship was essential in enabling me to attend the University of Utah. Without it I likely would have chosen not to attend graduate school. Now I am studying in a field that I am really passionate about along with cohort of students who not only share my passion but have also become my good friends. I look forward to utilizing the knowledge and connections I have made in my program to change the world for the better. I am heartened to know that people with means still believe in the power of higher education and want to help give as many students as possible to reap its rewards.

Planning has the power to change the world in so many positive ways, especially for those with the least amount of power and influence. Helping plan and design streetscapes that allow people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike and in turn thrive is something that makes me excited to get out of bed every single day.

Leota Coyne

NITC SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

Scholarships provide students with the opportunity to pursue their education without worrying about their next tuition deadline. A scholarship to me means that I can pursue my education full time without worry. It is an honor to be a recipient of a scholarship. I do not have the words to express enough sincere gratitude for allowing me to pursue my master’s degree.

Planning is such an exciting field because it provides an opportunity to work with communities to solve challenges. I cannot wait to continue my education and enter the field!
Julie Williams

EUGENE CARR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

This scholarship is part of what made it possible for me to attend grad school. I don’t have good financial resources or financial support from my family, so this scholarship is a huge help! Being able to go to grad school is a big deal for me because there is only one person on my mom’s side of the family with a graduate degree (my uncle) and I will be the first on my dad’s side of the family to get a graduate degree. Thank you so much for helping to make it possible for me to continue my education and advance in my career.

I am very interested in ecological planning, particularly from an equity lens. I think it’s very important that everyone has the same access to green space, transit, and other amenities in their city. I also think that it’s very important to make sure that marginalized populations have plenty of opportunities to give input in planning decisions.

Shreya Shrestha

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

For a bright student from an underprivileged nation like Nepal, a scholarship represents an enormous opportunity to pursue a higher education at a prestigious university like the University of Utah. It is truly a recognized honor to be a scholarship recipient. I greatly appreciate this act of humility and would like to express my deep-felt gratitude with special thanks to the donors who have provided me with this scholarship. I believe that planning is a very noble profession. There is something satisfying that comes with serving the community directly and creating an impact for a change.
Rachel Stein

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

These scholarships are what allowed me to come out to Utah! I have always wanted to be out here and study in a more metropolitan environment that also has a strong connection to surrounding natural resources. I am most excited about getting to plan and design public spaces that reflect and enhance community values.

Elizabeth Sodja

EUGENE CARR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

Receiving this scholarship meant that I was able to go to school full time instead of part-time, and work on projects in school that are very meaningful to me and my long-term professional goals to help gateway communities in the west. It means the world to me that somebody thought I had enough potential to be worth investing in.

What I am most excited about my future in planning is helping communities protect what’s important to them in the face of an uncertain future.
Daniel Ritter

GSCS FELLOWSHIP
MCMP 2024

Thank you for supporting me as I study to become a planner, and for recognizing the importance of educating future planners who will make a positive impact on this community and many others. Receiving a scholarship means that I can focus more completely on my coursework, professional development, and extracurricular opportunities that I might not be able to take advantage of otherwise. Further, it shows me how committed our planning community is to supporting students and young professionals – many of whom will become future colleagues.

I’m excited about everything related to transportation planning, especially how transportation networks work in a spatial sense and how we can improve them. This could mean rethinking how bus routes are laid out across a city or creating new connections for cyclists to bypass dangerous intersections. There are so many ways to get from A to B within a city and I’m excited about how we can use spatial analysis to optimize how we travel.

Pukar Bhandari

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

I come from a family of farmers in rural Nepal. Studying Master of City Planning at this prestigious institution has been a dream come true for me. I cannot express, in words, how much this scholarship is important to people like me in other parts of the world. This scholarship has paved a way for me to travel to a different part of the world, experience multiple cultures at the same time, and hopefully contribute our perspectives into the planning discussion we have. I feel like scholarships like this are very essential in shaping an equitable city of the future. It also helps bring together students from diverse backgrounds (race, ethnicity, origin, and gender) to the field of planning. This fosters a pluralistic environment by encouraging cohort discussions, with everyone contributing their diverse perspective. This has enabled us to not just learn from the course materials but from knowledge sharing of each other’s experiences as well.
Moira Dillow

NITC SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

This generous scholarship has allowed me to take the following steps to pursue a career that I am genuinely passionate about. Without this help, I would not have had the opportunity to outreach communities in the same capacity. This scholarship has allowed me to create connections, build relationships, and continue my education while exploring a beautiful state. I can afford to live and go to school here in Utah, and none of that would be possible without the help of this scholarship.

I gain excitement when looking at the potential change possible because of urban planning. Looking at the intersectionality of social and environmental issues sparks fascination. Because change within a city starts with the environment in which we live, planning has the potential to do so, and I am eager to be a part of that change.

Meredith Covey

EUGENE CARR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

The scholarship means that I am able to cover my tuition and expenses without having a second job outside of my assistantship which allows me to focus primarily on school. I am so thankful for the assistance that this generous scholarship provides.

What excites me most about planning is the idea that we all interact with our cities and communities on a day-to-day basis. Cities have the power to influence our lives in countless ways. I am looking forward to continuing to study how we can make cities more equitable and inclusive for all.
Ana Shinzato

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

To me, a scholarship means an opportunity to deepen my knowledge about urban planning and represents the donor’s belief in my potential to work on real-world urban issues and contribute to society as a planner. Without this scholarship, it would not be possible for me to afford to leave my home country to study at the University of Utah.

Cities result from our ability, as societies, to shape and interact with the environment. Over the centuries, environmental and social issues have become more evident as the population increases, and concurrently, our understanding of those is growing. That growth continues to happen right now, and we increasingly tackle those issues with more awareness, research, and a form of development that involves more sustainable and inclusive approaches.

Noshinsiara Promy

THE CARL INOWAY COMMUNITY DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY ASSIST, INC
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I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the donor of my scholarship. Being an international student from Bangladesh, my dream of pursuing higher education in the U.S. could have never been fulfilled without a scholarship. This scholarship is a medium for financially deprived students like me to access education and become a voice for the underrepresented community.

In the future, I dream of working in sustainable transportation and community development projects, facilitating underprivileged communities, and establishing equity in our societies. Having a background in architecture and currently pursuing planning, I am intrigued by the multifaceted effects of the built environment on our lives.
Alyssa Florack-Hess

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

To me, a scholarship means the opportunity to devote more time and energy to my schoolwork instead of finding additional sources of income. Thank you so much for investing in us and our future careers. Your donation has made it both financially feasible and significantly less stressful for me to pursue my two graduate degrees in planning and law.

I am excited to enter my legal career with an interdisciplinary background so that I can think about new projects with intentionality. I hope to work on large land use issues affecting public land and am grateful to have skills to engage with community members while doing so.

Faria Zinia

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2023

I am Faria, a second-year master’s student at the City and Metropolitan Planning Department, University of Utah. My major is in Smart Growth, Land Use, Transportation, and Accessibility. My career objective is to ensure the equitable distribution of resources and living environment by shaping the physical environment (cities, towns, and villages). In this regard, I found planning the best discipline to achieve my goal. Furthermore, as planning has its root in several complementary fields, the diversity of knowledge of this profession excites me towards more hands-on knowledge on planning.

Despite my earnest interest in planning, pursuing a higher degree in planning as an international student would be difficult without financial assistance from the department and scholarship sponsors.
Jerresun Atkin

NITC SCHOLARSHIP
MCMP 2024

While applying to planning programs, I was not sure how I was going to pay for tuition, so to have received such a generous scholarship has allowed me to take my dream of attending graduate school and turning it into reality. I would love to extend my deepest gratitude to the donors largely responsible for helping me attend the University of Utah. I am excited the most about city planning by the impact of the field on the daily lives of urban residents, as well as the ability to work in a career advocating for transportation and environmental change in our communities.
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