Dear CA+P Family,

After a year of an economic shutdown and spiking unemployment and the racial justice unrest of 2020, 2021 was a year of continuous adjustment with expectations changing on at least a weekly basis. It was exhausting and tried all of our thresholds of patience. Yet our collective persistence illustrates great resolve.

2021 brought the college:

- Our first female-majority entry class
- Construction on our long-anticipated elevator and ramp
- A record number of Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Science in Design graduates
- A new graduate space for CMP students
- A Division of Multi-Disciplinary Design
- A new Chair for the School of Architecture (Ajla Aksamija)
- Over $1.2 million in external research grants
- A founding role in Dark Matter University

There is a vibrancy to the College that has not only been sustained but catalyzed during these difficult times by your generosity. Not only has your support continued but it has grown even with the uncertainty we all face.

Other highlights enabled by your support:

- Our Design-Build program has become so central to the graduate architecture curriculum and it now has two strands of Design Build Utah: DesignBuild Utah @ Bluff and DesignBuild Utah @ SLC. Both focus on culturally-responsive, high performance, deeply affordable housing.

Finally, 2021 brought the university a new president, Taylor Randall, and he had glowing observations about the college during his recent visit. He acknowledged our growth, diversity and rankings as indicators of a vibrant college. Hopefully, this bodes well for us as we move forward. And 2021 brought the Utes their first visit to the Rose Bowl and participation in a simply epic game that will not be forgotten.

I know you would be proud of how our students, staff and faculty have demonstrated agility and resilience to the challenges placed on our instructional methods by the COVID-19 guidelines. The college continues to move forward, always with its ethic of care in mind. The Utah football team is a good analogy for the College: through hard work over several years, we have become highly-ranked and are looked at as a long-term leader in the conference. The future is certainly bright.

Thank you so very much for believing in the College of Architecture + Planning and the University of Utah. May 2022 bring us all more peace and joy and renewed enthusiasm for our continuing journey of excellence.

Dean Diaz Moore
The University of Utah plays an invaluable role in educating bright and talented future architects for Utah’s workforce. As an adjunct studio instructor, I saw firsthand the dedication and challenges that U of U students face while pursuing their education and recognized the incredible effort students put into the immersive studio and design-build experiences. In 2021, on Martin Luther King day our firm took a day of reflection to consider how we could support our community and encourage more diversity in the field of architecture. Two of our team members, Diane Kayembe and Barbara Nasila, proposed a scholarship to offer financial support for minority and underrepresented students at the U.

They observed that it is common for students to seek jobs outside of the studio to cover the fees; we’re hoping with this scholarship that students can focus their energy and best efforts on their studies. This scholarship is a small way of opening up the opportunities that the U offers to a broader, more diverse group of qualified students who can bring their backgrounds and experiences to create more thoughtful, inclusive designs moving forward.

WARREN LLOYD
LLOYD ARCHITECTS
Aastha Shrestha

TED AND BEVERLY SMITH ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
M.Arch 2023, Masters of Real Estate Development Certificate and Urban Planning Certificate

I am beyond grateful to have received the Ted and Beverly Smith Scholarship. The scholarship means a lot, especially to international students like me. In an intense field like architecture, the scholarship strengthened my decision to join the University of Utah and pursue the program. I greatly appreciate professionals dedicated to helping students pursue architecture as their career by providing scholarship opportunities.

For me, the scholarship turned out to be a deal maker. It not only helped me financially but academically. It helped reduce my tuition cost significantly and helped shift my focus from financial to my academics. Architecture has been my passion from the beginning, and pursuing what I like and aspire is a dream come true. I can commit fully to my studies and enjoy my experience in graduate school with financial support.

Heliane Djobo

VCBO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
M.Arch 2023

Thank you VCBO for providing this scholarship opportunity for me as well as fellow recipients. It is inspiring to know there’s a community of professionals that are dedicated to helping students continue their education within the architectural field. I am greatly appreciative of this scholarship, as it provides me financial aid to continue my education through the master’s program. Considering how intense the field is, I am thankful to receive this additional support and overall encouragement.

My interest in the field largely lies within the psychological aspects of architecture to understand how architectural spaces affect us. I am excited to continue this exploration by being a part of the DesignBuildUTAH!® SLC.
Isabelle Ghabash

JANE BARRETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
M.ARCH 2022

I am deeply humbled by the Jane Barrett Memorial Scholarship. One of my colleagues and mentors was also a recipient when she was at DesignBuild UTAH @Bluff, so I want Jane’s family and friends to know they are part of an unfolding legacy of women in architecture, construction, and design build.

This scholarship has made it easier to take time off from work and other responsibilities to explore building with my hands, an experience I have always dreamed of. So many people came together to make this house happen, and I am thankful I got to be part of it. We have just a few weeks left before our collaborative residents take ownership of their new home, and I am so grateful for the DesignBuild UTAH @Bluff program and this scholarship. I have increased confidence in my own abilities and in architecture’s potential to be a force for good.

Solvita Karklins

MHTN FRED MONTMORENCY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
M.ARCH 2023

I would like to express my gratitude for MHTN’s generosity and financial support towards my master’s degree. With this opportunity, I can focus more on my studies and work towards building a career in the field.

I am an out of state student from Michigan, following my passion in architecture. I feel very fortunate to study and explore how design makes an impact in the world, and how I can contribute to that. Again, I am very grateful to be a recipient of such a scholarship.
Maja Tacchi

MAGDA JAKOVCEV MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
M.ARCH 2023

Thank you so much for providing this scholarship and awarding it to me. I feel very privileged to continue my Architectural studies and your scholarship has enabled me to have a smooth transition to the master’s program. Being able to study and develop my interest in social architecture and the urban environment is what drives me, and this scholarship has enabled me to do so with reduced financial strain. Thank you for your investment in me and your investment in the future of Architecture at the University of Utah.

Mina Hormati

CARL INOWAY COMMUNITY DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
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M.ARCH 2023

This scholarship gave me the great opportunity to not only cover my tuition, but also it was an absolute relief and gave me the motivation to study harder to be more successful in both my academic and personal life and also in my future career. This scholarship is really a great honor for me, and the reason I’m so excited about architecture is that I come from Iran, a country with large architectural history, and I wish to learn more about architecture and community design in order to be able to broaden this academic information in my future. Thank you for your generous support of academic scholarships within the College of Architecture & Planning!
I am grateful for the Method Studio Scholarship I received for my Masters in the University of Utah. This has immensely helped reduce the financial burden as an international student.

I have always been fascinated by the psychological effect architecture has on its users. I am now further excited to explore architecture, and its connection to societal aspects – culture, tradition, technology, life, politics, etc. and the potential the architecture carries to make people aware of it through creative design of spaces. In the long run, I aspire to contribute to the contemporary heritage that preserves our architectural history and adapts to the change in time linking the history, culture with the future, which will foster the realization of its value to the community. And I believe the Architecture program including Design-Build, possible through this financial support, will help me achieve my goals.
I would like to say thanks (and hello) to those at Lloyd Architects for providing this scholarship opportunity. With this help I have been able to continue my education and professional development.

It is through the support of Lloyd Architects and other professionals that the next generation of architects can be educated. This generous help allows for a broader set of voices to be heard and considered within our field. With these diverse voices we can create a more equitable society. I believe that architecture has the ability to form our world through sociopolitical and economic means. This scholarship provides me with financial relief, I hope to do one day the same for others. My aim is to support our community with economic relief through the means of affordable architecture. This scholarship allows me to fully focus on my goal in order to make it a reality.

This scholarship made pursuing my dream of becoming an architect possible. As a full-time student and full-time employee juggling time, money and my commitments can be overwhelming at times. This scholarship allowed me the option to set aside more time and energy for my schooling and my dream career. Without the generosity of this scholarship my ability to pursue my dream has become a reality. I cannot express my gratitude enough for all who have made this possible.
Haany Sammi

TED AND BEVERLY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
M.Arch 2024

As a computer scientist, I have always been curious about applying dynamic methodologies in our living spaces. The last two years of uncertain global conditions made me think about using dynamic and real-time algorithms in the design process. If building designs were not as static and unchangeable as it was during the Covid, maybe we could have made necessary changes and did not have to shut down business.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support and generosity. By awarding me these generous scholarships, you have helped me to pay for my expenses and allowed me to concentrate more on my studies. I promise this track is not going to end here and I will continue paying back to the community as a future architect.
Alyssa Florack

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MCMP 2024

When I was deciding whether to pursue an additional dual graduate degree from CMP, the extra year of tuition weighed heavy on my mind, and I am so thankful to be a recipient of a scholarship from CMP to make entering this program not only possible but leaving me feeling more supported than ever. Through scholarships and mentoring from CMP’s faculty, I have felt so encouraged to be a part of this program and look forward to seeing how my master’s degree will shape my future work.

I am most excited to engage in regional plans that help our rural communities on the edges of public lands. The unique GNAR initiative at CMP was one of the main factors that drew me to the program, and as a former outdoor guide in Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, and Malaysia, I have seen firsthand how important planning can be to a small town with global pressures.

Noshin Siara

CITY & METROPOLITAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MCMP 2023

I am an international graduate student pursuing Master in City and Metropolitan Planning Program in the University of Utah. I did my undergraduate degree in architecture and worked as a lecturer in a reputed public university in Bangladesh for three consecutive years. During those days, I worked in some urban projects in the cities of Bangladesh, which showed me a significant planning gap in global south cities. Hence, I intended to pursue urban planning for my further studies to bridge this gap.

Utah Planning Scholarship is a great opportunity to support my graduate education in planning. Coming from a third world country like Bangladesh, it was almost impossible for me to continue my higher education in USA without this financial help.
This past summer, I was awarded the City & Metropolitan Planning Scholarship and the Disaster Resilience Education Scholarship. By receiving these two scholarships, I was able to take the CMP Puerto Rico lab, where I traveled to Puerto Rico and learned how communities were impacted by the devastating 2017 hurricanes. I was able to receive hands-on experience of planning solutions that promote sustainability, resiliency, and equity in a recovery scenario. This was an amazing experience and motivated me to pursue disaster planning as my career. I am now a full-time Mitigation Planner for Utah’s Division of Emergency Management. I am excited to be part of a team that is dedicated to mitigating the impacts of disasters for Utahns and creating more resilient communities for the years to come.

Recognizing the inequalities between my two childhood communities led me to a lifelong fascination with the human condition. For this reason, I studied architecture at the undergraduate level. My experiences as an architect only furthered my interest in urban policy and design. I look to increase my capacity to advocate for social causes through good policy that serves all communities, especially those that have been long neglected. After experiencing the effects of unjust policy, I believe that understanding the forces that produce inequality is essential to disrupting them. Financial aid has made this master’s degree possible for me, as it would not be feasible to obtain otherwise.
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Carrie Ann Marsh
The CAP+P Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship has given me the motivation to finish out my academic career on a strong note. I am not sure if it is just a case of imposter syndrome, or if it’s the effects of operating within such a historically homogeneous field as architecture, but through my academic experience I have sometimes felt that my voice wasn’t important. Receiving this scholarship reminded me that I have the ability to be an example for the women after me and I don’t have time to think this way. This scholarship gave me a sense of accomplishment that pushed me to speak up and ask questions when I felt that myself or someone else wasn’t being heard or represented. I hope to see this scholarship continue to be offered to students, so that we can start to see people of all backgrounds and perspectives take part in a field of study so influential to our everyday lives.

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