

# RAMSA 2016 TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

*The RAMSA Travel Fellowship is a \$10,000 prize awarded annually by Robert A.M. Stern Architects for the purpose of travel and research. More specifically, the RAMSA Travel Fellowship seeks to promote investigations on the perpetuation of tradition through invention – key to the firm’s own work. The prize is intended to nurture emerging talent and is awarded to an individual who has proven insight and interest in the profession and its future, as well as the ability to carry forth in-depth research.*

## ELIGIBILITY

The RAMSA Travel Fellowship is open to graduate students in their penultimate year of a professional or post-professional degree program in architecture at one of the 19 schools listed below. Please contact us if you are unsure of your eligibility.

These schools are: Columbia University; Cornell University; Harvard University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; McGill University; Pratt Institute; Princeton University; Rhode Island School of Design; Rice University; Syracuse University; University of California, Los Angeles; University of Miami; University of Michigan; University of Minnesota; University of Notre Dame; University of Pennsylvania; University of Texas at Austin; University of Virginia; and Yale University.

## RESOURCES

[www.ramsa.com/fellowship2016](http://www.ramsa.com/fellowship2016)  
for details and application forms

[fellowship@ramsa.com](mailto:fellowship@ramsa.com)  
for questions

## JURY

The jury of three RAMSA partners will select a winner based on the applicants' qualifications and the clarity, originality, significance, and feasibility of the proposals.

All applications are assigned a random identification number and will remain anonymous to the jury throughout the selection process.

## IMPORTANT DATES

04/08/2016  
Deadline for submission of proposal

05/13/2016  
Announcement of award

11/04/2016  
Deadline for submission of report



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## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applicants are required to submit two complete applications: one electronic copy (transferred no later than 5:00PM on April 8, 2016) and one hard copy (postmarked no later than 5:00PM on April 8, 2016). Completed applications include the Registration Form, Copyright Release Form, Endorsement Form, a research proposal, and a design portfolio.

**Application Forms** – Complete the Registration, Copyright Release, and Endorsement Forms. The Endorsement Form must be completed and signed by the chair or dean of your school. All forms should be included in your electronic copy and hard copy applications.

**Research Proposal** – Proposals must be presented on one single-sided 11" × 17" sheet in landscape orientation and cannot include your name or the name of your school. Include an abstract of no more than 500 words that outlines the following: the specific intent of research; the motive or background of the project's origins; and the site(s) of research. Strong proposals will demonstrate knowledge of the research topic. In addition, the proposal should include a rough itinerary, budget, and title. We strongly encourage applicants to include helpful maps, images, or other supporting graphics. Travel should be a minimum of four weeks.

**Design Portfolio** – The design portfolio should stand in support of the proposal and supplement the applicant's profile. Strong design portfolios demonstrate interest in the topic of the research proposal. The design portfolio is not to exceed 15 single-sided pages and cannot include your name or the name of your school. Do not include pages with glued pieces or loose sheets that may become separated. Retain a copy of your design portfolio as originals will not be returned. Tabloid paper (11" × 17") is the maximum page size allowed.

Hard copies should be sent to:

RAMSA Travel Fellowship  
Robert A.M. Stern Architects  
460 W 34th Street, New York NY 10001

PDFs should be sent via email, Dropbox, WeTransfer, etc., to: [fellowship@ramsa.com](mailto:fellowship@ramsa.com)

## SUBJECTS OF RESEARCH

Proposals should investigate the perpetuation of tradition through invention in architecture. All regions and cultures of the world are topics for study.

Examples of appropriate themes are:

- The reinvention and reinterpretation of tradition through contemporary fabrication and design technologies
- The inclusion of contemporary materials in traditional building, or the use of vernacular materials in contemporary construction
- The reinterpretation of traditional building elements and techniques for sustainable design
- The persistence of cultural traditions in the contemporary built environment
- Building regional specificity within a global culture
- Reuse and readaptation: the coexistence of modernity and tradition within society

## TERMS OF FELLOWSHIP

- Fellows are encouraged to complete their research and/or travel during the summer following the announcement of the award
- Upon notice of the award, the fellow will prepare and submit a final travel itinerary; a check for \$7,500 will be sent to the fellow within four weeks
- Fellows are required to submit a final report to Robert A.M. Stern Architects; upon receipt of this report, a check for the remaining \$2,500 will be sent to the fellow
- Fellows are required to present their research to RAMSA's office in New York City (RAMSA will cover the cost of travel); School deans should also provide a venue to allow students to present their research
- The fellow agrees to the use and publication by RAMSA of any part of the travel report(s) and final report in accordance with the terms of the Copyright Release Form; the fellow will be credited as the author of the work
- A small book outlining the final reports of the first five fellows will be produced following the 2017 RAMSA Travel Fellowship; authorship will be given to the fellows, jury, and other RAMSA contributors

*Robert A.M. Stern Architects for any reason and at its sole discretion reserves the right not to award a Fellowship in any given year.*

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## *Registration Form*

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Complete this PDF form in the most recent version of Adobe Acrobat or Reader and save the file as your electronic copy. Please do not save this PDF as an image.

*to be completed by the applicant*

First Name: _____	Last Name: _____	Middle Initial: _____
Preferred Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
E-mail: _____	Phone: _____	Country: _____
Institution: _____	Degree(s): _____	
	Expected Graduation: _____	
Previous Institution: _____	Degree(s): _____	
	Graduation: _____	
Proposal Title: _____		

*For RAMSA Office Use*

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## *Copyright Release Form*

Applicants are required to submit two complete applications: one electronic copy and one hard copy. Completed applications include the Registration Form, Copyright Release Form, Endorsement Form, a research proposal, and a design portfolio.

I hereby affirm that I am the sole author and copyright holder of all materials submitted for the Robert A.M. Stern Architects, LLP (RAMSA) Travel Fellowship, including text, drawings, diagrams, photographs and slides (the Submission). I also affirm that I will be sole author and copyright holder of all Travel Reports and of all final report materials including text, drawings, diagrams, photographs, video and slides (Final Report), or that if any report contains materials by others, that I will obtain all necessary permissions for the use of such materials. I hereby grant my permission for publication of the Submission, Travel Reports and/or Final Report for the RAMSA Travel Fellowship program to Robert A.M. Stern Architects, LLP for potential use in electronic or hard copy media such as press releases, marketing publications, its website, presentations, exhibitions, history books and similar publications; as well as for public access for student and educational purposes in all electronic or hard copy media. I understand that RAMSA will credit me as the author of the published work. If there is any separate publication of any portion of my Submission, Travel Reports, Final Report, or other materials that I develop during or based upon the Travel Fellowship, I will ensure that the RAMSA Travel Fellowship receives appropriate credit for its support.

If the Submission, Travel Reports and/or Final Report is selected for publication, I hereby grant a nonexclusive, perpetual, royalty-free license to RAMSA and any designated assignee of any and all copyright and trademark rights in the submission, travel reports and Final Report, solely for the uses described above. It is understood that this license is granted without reservation and remuneration, the publication being the sole consideration for the granting of permission.

*to be completed by the applicant*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Endorsement Form*

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*to be completed by the endorsing institution's dean or chair*

Student's Name: _____	
Degree(s): _____	Expected Graduation: _____
Endorser's Name: _____	
Title: _____	
E-mail: _____	Phone: _____
I, the dean/chair of the endorsing institution, affirm that the above student is approved as one of two possible candidates for the RAMSA Travel Fellowship and that the student is expected to graduate from our University/College on the date stated.	
Signature: _____	Date: _____

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*Form 3 of 3*

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. Who is eligible to apply?

A. To be eligible, you must be in your penultimate year of a professional or post-professional degree program in architecture at one of the 19 participating universities. You must also be selected by your school as one of two possible applicants. You do not have to be a US citizen.

### Q. How do the participating schools nominate applicants?

A. Each school's dean will select two eligible applicants. Please ask a school administrator about your school's selection process.

### Q. Are team applications accepted?

A. No. At this time, the RAMSA Travel Fellowship is only awarded to individual recipients.

### Q. How much time should I propose traveling?

A. Fellows should travel for a minimum of four weeks.

### Q. Do I need to travel outside the United States?

A. No. Depending on your research interests, you may travel within the United States. All regions and cultures of the world are topics for study.

### Q. When do I need to submit my application?

A. Applicants are required to submit two complete applications: one electronic copy (transferred no later than 5:00PM on Friday, April 8, 2016) and one hard copy (postmarked no later than 5:00PM on Friday, April 8, 2016).

### Q. Why can't I have my name or the name of my school on the design portfolio or research proposal?

A. The applications are reviewed anonymously. Therefore, any identifying information should be absent. If your portfolio includes team projects, you should denote them as such without using names.

### Q. How are the proposals judged?

A. The jury of three RAMSA partners will select a winner based on the applicants' qualifications and the clarity, originality, significance, and feasibility of the proposals. All of these aspects are important.

### Q. Can my abstract be over 500 words?

A. No. It is in your best interest not to exceed this limit. The jurors review a large number of proposals and portfolios for the RAMSA Travel Fellowship. A short, clear, and concise abstract will be the most effective for conveying your ideas. Be sure to proofread as well!

### Q. Should I include images?

A. Absolutely! We strongly encourage applicants to include helpful maps, images, or other supporting graphics. You should assume that the jurors have no knowledge of your research topic.

### Q. What kind of work can I include in my design portfolio?

A. The only work that cannot be included in your portfolio is work completed for an employer.

### Q. How should I name my digital files?

A. Last Name - School - RAMSA 2016 Travel Fellowship.

### Q. Can I view proposals from previous years?

A. You can view all of the proposals submitted by winners, as well as runners-up, at [www.ramsa.com/fellowship2016](http://www.ramsa.com/fellowship2016).

### Q. My question isn't answered here. Who should I ask?

A. The RAMSA Travel Fellowship is managed by the RAMSA Research Department. You can send fellowship-related questions to [fellowship@ramsa.com](mailto:fellowship@ramsa.com), and someone from RAMSA Research will be in touch.