Academic Honors & Awards

Dean’s List: In recognition of exceptional scholarship, the Office of the Dean compiles, at the end of each semester, a list of those students whose work has been particularly worthy of commendation. Students will be eligible for the Dean’s List if they meet the following criteria:

1. They have earned at least 14 credit units per semester under the “credit” grade option. (This excludes the grade options of “pass/fail” and “audit” as well as courses in University College.)
2. They have achieved a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Latin Honors: Graduating students may be considered for Latin Honors (cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude) as determined by academic performance.

Special Awards, Medals and Prizes

American Institute of Architects Henry Adams Medal. Each year, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Henry Adams Medal is awarded to a member of the graduating class in recognition of scholastic achievement, character and promise of professional ability. The graduate student so honored receives an engraved medal.

Association of Licensed Architects Design Award. The Association of Licensed Architects (ALA) presents this award to acknowledge a student, chosen by the director of Architecture, who has exhibited exemplary achievement throughout their academic tenure.

Betty Lou Custer Award. The St. Louis Chapter of the AIA presents a book award in memory of Betty Lou Custer, the longstanding executive director to the chapter, in recognition of her service to the profession of architecture. The book is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate student who has contributed service to the College of Architecture.

Bronze Alpha Rho Chi Medal. Alpha Rho Chi, a national social fraternity in architecture, awards a medal to a graduating sixth-year student who has shown an ability for leadership, performed willing service for the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design, and demonstrated promise of real professional merit.

Degree Project Book Award. Each Degree Project faculty selects one student that is recognized for achievement in the studio.

Excellence in Craft Award. This award is given to a member of the graduating class, either undergraduate or graduate, to recognize outstanding achievement in craft.

Faculty Book Awards. These awards are given for recognized achievement in individual programs as voted on by the faculty.

Frederick Widmann Prize. In honor of Frederick Widmann, architect and philanthropist, one graduating member from both the undergraduate and graduate classes is selected based on merit in design.

Hugh Feriss Award for Architectural Drawing. This award honors Hugh Ferris (Washington University in St. Louis class of 1911 and Honorable Master of Architecture in 1928), a distinguished architect and renderer. A book award is given to a graduating student, either undergraduate or graduate, who has excelled in architectural drawing in any medium.

James Walter Fitzgibbon Prize. Mrs. James Fitzgibbon and friends of the family established a fund to honor Professor Fitzgibbon’s memory and to recall his long and distinguished service on the faculty of Architecture. The annual income from this fund provides for the Fitzgibbon Prize, given to a 300- to 600-level student who has the winning solution to a one-day sketch problem.

Sophomore Book Prize. This award is presented to an outstanding sophomore who has completed the basic design sequence within the college. It is given in honor of Leslie J. Laskey, professor emeritus, whose inspired teaching formed the basis of the basic design program and whose influence is carried on in the lives and work of the students who studied with him.

William Tao Prize. Established by William K.Y. Tao (PE, alumnus, emeritus trustee and affiliate professor at Washington University), the William Tao Prize provides an award to a graduating graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in the understanding and application of building systems in architecture, including illumination, electrical and mechanical engineering, and energy-efficient design.

Scholarship Funds

Scholarships with Applications

St. Louis Chapter American Institute of Architects Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is awarded to students from the St. Louis metropolitan area who have completed the first two years of their architectural studies. Inquiries should be addressed to the St. Louis Chapter AIA, 911 Washington Ave., #225, St. Louis, MO 63101. Separate application is required.

The James W. Fitzgibbon Scholarship in Architecture. This scholarship is awarded to support four years of study leading to either undergraduate architecture degree. The Fitzgibbon Scholar is selected in recognition of outstanding academic performance and promise in the field of architecture. The scholarship is in the amount of full tuition, and it is renewable for a total of four years of undergraduate study.
Competition is national in scope, with finalists invited each year to visit the College of Architecture at the college’s expense. At this time, one student is chosen to receive the full-tuition scholarship, and the other finalists are awarded partial scholarships. These are renewable for each year of undergraduate study, assuming continued academic and design excellence.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a high school senior who meets the following criteria:

1. They rank high in their senior class.
2. Their SAT or ACT scores are in the upper range.

To enter the competition, the applicant must follow the usual admission application procedures by completing a Washington University first-year application and sending a digital portfolio of artwork. Portfolios should be submitted through Slideroom.

**Scholars in Architecture**

The Scholars in Architecture program provides named scholarship funds that have been donated to the university by individuals or companies specifically for this purpose. Selection is based on financial need and academic achievement. There is no application process. The total amount of the student’s financial assistance package does not change.