

CityStudioSTL 2022 Summer Graduate Fellowship

The CityStudioSTL Fellowship provides funded opportunities for students to work with a local firm to address socially engaged challenges in St. Louis.

For summer 2022, the Graduate Fellowship seeks one graduate student to work with Arbolope Studio. For the 12-week project, the fellow will be paid a \$8,500 in two \$4,250 installments.

Position Details

Graduate Fellowship: Arbolope Studio

Arbolope Studio is an award-winning Landscape Architecture, Urban Design and Public Art practice based in St. Louis' Grove Neighborhood. We work with a variety of clients including universities, institutions, corporations, communities and individuals - and we work at scales ranging from intimate landscapes to large-scale urban plans. We bring to all projects a careful attention to detail, a desire to do great work and the goal of creating innovative and impactful landscapes that help make a happier, healthier and more connected world. Our team is made of passionate practitioners with a wide range of backgrounds including landscape architecture, urban design, studio art, horticulture, architecture and music. We are also a St. Louis certified MBE and WBE firm who believes that Landscape Architectural Practice and Design should be welcoming, inclusive and inspire people to be their best.

We are a small office and our interns typically become fully integrated into our office practice. Interns have participated in the full range of the design process including project marketing to project development, construction documentation, client meetings and construction site visits. In the past, interns have worked on both large regionally significant masterplans, as well as local streetscapes, public parks and plazas, guerrilla landscape architectural interventions, and public art design + build.

Applicants should be interested in and strongly inclined towards design for the public realm. Applicants should also be able to work in a highly collaborative digital environment and committed to producing high-quality, thoughtful work. While we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and follow CDC guidelines, at this time interns will be expected to work in-person along with the other members of our team. If our office switches to remote work due to the pandemic, interns may still be expected to attend occasional site visits at locations in the St. Louis region. In the event of remote work, a reliable, hard-wired internet connection will be required.

Eligibility

Current Sam Fox School architecture, landscape architecture, or urban design graduate students or recent graduates (December 2021 or May 2022, US citizens or green card holders) are eligible to apply. The Fellow must be located in the US for the duration of the Fellowship and must confirm location requirements with the firm. All applicants must be in good standing with the University. Applicants must be pursuing a master's degree.

Applicants should be highly proficient in the Adobe Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop) and Rhino for 3-D Modeling. Candidates with experience using AutoCAD for drafting is a plus. Candidates with experience and strong craft related to physical modeling, using the wood/metal shop, and with power tools is a plus. Candidates with experience using laser cutters, 3D printing, CNC Milling is a plus.

Timeline

March 7, 5p — Preferential due date for early applications
March 21, 5p — Applications due
June 6* — Fellowship begins
Late June — Midpoint check-in
Mid July — Final check-in
August 12* — Fellowship ends
September — Concluding event or feedback provided

*Dates may vary and are established between the firm and fellow

Program Expectations

Interview applicants will be expected to:

- **Coordinate and schedule** an interview with the firm
- **Respond in a timely manner** to communications to and from the firm
- **Disclose other possible conflicting summer opportunities**

Fellowship recipients will be expected to:

- Complete a 12-week civic or social change project in St. Louis at the host firm, working actively with firm staff to complete assigned project(s).
 - Work average 40 hours/week in the host firm office.
 - Participate in host firm social and professional development activities.
 - Attend at most 3 lunches/meetings with Office for Socially Engaged Practice representatives during the summer to discuss experiences and opportunities.
 - Share Fellowship experiences with other students in fall 2022 and spring 2023.
 - Provide feedback on the Fellowship program.
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Payment Information

The CityStudioSTL Graduate Fellow will receive two \$4,250 stipends for the completion of their project work, totaling \$8,500. The first stipend will be available in May, and the second will be available in early July, pending successful participation in the program to that point. To receive these payments, the recipient may need to submit materials to the Sam Fox School Business Office.

Payments provided for the purpose of assisting the recipient in the pursuit of study or research may be treated for tax purposes as a grant. If the recipient is a US citizen or considered a resident alien for US tax purposes, then the transaction is taxable and reportable in the US and will be reported on a stipend letter.

If the recipient is to a nonresident alien for tax purposes for activities in the US, then the transaction is subject to withholding and is reported on Form 1042-S. The withholding amount for taxable payments to nonresident aliens is 30% by statute; however, taxable grants provided to nonresident aliens in J or F visa statuses are afforded the reduced rate of 14%.

Application

Candidates will be evaluated based on their capacity to participate in a professional context, relevant skills to the projects proposed, interest in socially engaged work, and engagement with St. Louis. Top applicants will be interviewed by the sponsoring firm, which will select the Fellow.

Please submit all application materials (digital only, PDFs preferred) to Emily Coffman, Curriculum and Outreach Coordinator, Office for Socially Engaged Practice (ecoffman@wustl.edu).

Application Materials

Please include the following materials as a PDF:

- + Fact sheet that lists the following information:
 - Name
 - Expected graduation date
 - Major/degree program
 - Home address
 - Student ID number
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - How did you hear about the CityStudioSTL Fellowship? List all that apply: social media, e-news, email, flyer, recommendation from friend, recommendation from faculty, other (please specify).
- + Resume
- + Contact Information for three academic or professional reference
- + Cover letter (***cover letters to be directed to L. Irene Compadre, ASLA PLA, Principal***)
- + Portfolio (link to an downloadable online portfolio is acceptable)

Deadline

Applications and supporting materials must be submitted to **Emily Coffman** at ecoffman@wustl.edu by 5p **Monday, March 7** or 5p **Monday, March 21**.