



# The Architectural League Prize for Young Architects + Designers: Support

## Competition deadline February 13, 2017

**Theme: Support**  
Whether social or structural, evidentiary or technical, the idea of support in architecture today has proliferated such that its role is obscured by the multiple ways that it operates. On the surface, support is an enabler. It is an artifice that props architecture up while in turn facilitating new ideas, new forms, and new opportunities for action. Held in suspension between the practical and the possible, support, in one or all of its many forms, provides a necessary stage for transforming the quasi into the real. But while the relationship between support and supported relies on a form of interconnection or dependency, it is not at all neutral and inherently impacts, changes, and reconfigures architectural production.

In a world where precarious forms and precarious social arrangements exist side by side, today's architecture demands a reconsideration of support. Architecture exists in a tangled, nested network in which the exchanges between built form and various systems of framing, assistance, and reinforcement are constantly in flux. No longer simply a matter of technical resolution, these overlapping forms of support constitute a new basis for architecture.

This year's Architectural League Prize Competition looks first to forms of support and asks: What does support stand for? What props up architecture today?

**Submission requirements**  
The competition theme is given as a basis for young architects and designers to reflect upon and reevaluate their work. A written statement not to exceed 250 words is required, which defines and considers the work under the rubric of the competition theme. Significant weight is given to how an applicant's work addresses the theme.

A single portfolio, which may include several projects, must be bound and no larger than 11" x 14". The portfolio may not contain more than thirty double-sided pages. CDs, models, slides, and transparencies will not be accepted. Entries must be received at the League office by 5:00 p.m. EST February 13, 2017 or postmarked by that date.

**Entry fee**  
Each entrant must submit an entry fee of \$25. Entrants may pay the fee online via the competition page on [archleague.org](http://archleague.org) or include with their submission cash or a check payable to "The Architectural League of New York." Please be sure, if paying online, that the credit card holder is the name of one of the entrants; we are unable to accept payments made on behalf of others.

**Entry forms**  
Each entrant must submit two versions of the entry form: one form online on [archleague.org](http://archleague.org) and one form included with the submission. Insert the hardcopy form, intact, into an unsealed envelope attached to the inside back cover of the submission. To maintain anonymity, no identification of the entrant may appear on any part of the submission, except on the entry form and return envelope (see below).

**Portfolio return**  
Portfolios will be returned by mail only if a self-addressed envelope with postage is also enclosed. Please ensure that return postage does not expire before August 2017. The Architectural League assumes no liability for original drawings. The League will take every precaution to return submissions intact, but can assume no responsibility for loss or damage. Portfolios will be discarded after one year if no return envelope is provided.

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**Selection**  
Winning entrants will be notified by mid-March 2017.

**Jury**  
Sylvia Lavin  
Guy Nordenson  
Mark Robbins  
Shohei Shigematsu

**and the Young Architects + Designers Committee**  
Erin Besler  
Aron Forrest  
Sung Goo Yang

**Architectural League Program Director**  
Anne Rieselbach

**Call for entries**  
Young architects and designers are invited to submit work to the annual Architectural League Prize Competition. Projects of all types, either theoretical or real, and executed in any medium, are welcome. The jury will select work for presentation in lectures, digital media, and an exhibition in June 2017. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$2,000.

Established in 1981 to recognize visionary work by young practitioners, the Architectural League Prize is an annual competition, lecture series, and exhibition organized by The Architectural League and its Young Architects + Designers Committee. For more information about The Architectural League and work by past winners, please visit The Architectural League website, [archleague.org](http://archleague.org).

**Eligibility**  
The competition is open only to architects, architects-in-training, and architectural students who are currently practicing or studying in the United States. Entrants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or have a valid visa that allows them to work in the United States. Current members of the Architectural League of New York, the American Institute of Architects, and the National Endowment for the Arts are eligible to enter. Entrants must be under 35 years of age as of February 13, 2017. No work from a previous year's competition will be accepted. Entrants must submit their work to the Architectural League of New York, 594 Broadway, Suite 607, New York, NY 10012. The Architectural League of New York is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All work submitted to the Architectural League of New York will be considered with the context of an individual's complete portfolio.

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212.753.1722

League programs are made possible, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council, the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Support is also provided by the Next Generation Fund, an alumni fund of The Architectural League's Emerging Voices and Architectural League Prize programs, and the J. Clawson Mills Fund of The Architectural League.

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Entrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Portfolio identification slip**

Signature(s) of Entrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned confirms that his/her/their entry meets both the eligibility and submission requirements. The undersigned also acknowledges his/her/their agreement, if chosen as a winner, to allow publication of his/her/their work in a book to be published, in either printed or digital form, about the competition by The Architectural League.

**Eligibility agreement**

**Does your portfolio include work done in collaboration with non-entering firm partners or unrelated collaborators?**  
If so, please visit [archleague.org](http://archleague.org) to download forms outlining and attributing partner/collaborator roles in submitted projects. Please include these forms in the unsealed envelope at the back of your portfolio.

Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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Entrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**General information**

Please fill out all three parts of the entry form and insert, intact, into an unsealed envelope attached to the inside back cover of the submission. No identification may appear within the portfolio. Forms may be duplicated.

**Entry form**

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