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## folly 2016 call for proposals

a project organized  
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sculpture park and  
the architectural  
league of new york

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11:59 p.m. est

Socrates Sculpture Park and The Architectural League invite emerging architects and designers to submit proposals for Folly, an annual design/build program in early summer 2016 leading to a durable installation at Socrates.

### call for proposals

Socrates Sculpture Park and The Architectural League invite designers and architects to help shape the physical setting in which the park fulfills its mission as an environment for art, creative expression, social programming, and education. Socrates, located in Long Island City, Queens, is distinctive for its combination of waterfront setting, accessibility, and community-driven programs.

In previous years the Folly program investigated the intersection between sculpture and architecture with temporary structures that intentionally served no utilitarian purpose. This year, marking the program's 5th and the park's 30th anniversaries, the competition instead asks entrants to fuse form with utility, creating designs that explore the intersection of art and architecture while durably addressing and improving the conditions of the park.

### site

The site for this year's Folly program is focused on the "education corridor" along the southwest edge of the park, comprised of a covered open-air and tented education workspace that is fronted by greenspace and a concrete road barrier.

Entrants should propose designs / improvements for elements within the education area, specifically addressing at least one of the following:

**Design / improve and build a new covering for the open-air education workspace. The covering protects workshop participants from inclement weather and extreme heat.**

**Design / green-scape and build a barrier to separate the entry driveway from the education corridor. This structural barrier system should incorporate soft-scaping that can be perennial or seasonal.**

**Design and build small-scale, visually explicit systems for the education area, which could include a solar lighting system, a small greenhouse for educational programs, a rainwater catch basin system for irrigation, or other such elements.**

The project must respond to, and be consistent with, the park's infrastructure. Adaptive reuse of existing structure or materials can be incorporated.

### award, residency, and exhibition

One project will be chosen. The recipient will receive a total \$10,000 production grant to realize the proposed project. All aspects including design, materials, delivery, labor, and installation must be within the \$10,000 budget. The recipient will also have full access to the resources and fabrication facilities of Socrates' outdoor studio for fabrication, assembly, and installation during a two-month residency at the park, beginning in May 2016. The completed project is tentatively scheduled to open to the public in July 2016. The project will be documented with a digital catalog.

### jury

Jarrod Beck, artist and  
2012 Emerging Artist Fellow  
Stella Betts, LEVENBETTS  
Lauren Crahan, Freecell Architecture  
John Hatfield, Executive Director of  
Socrates Sculpture Park  
Giuseppe Lignano, LOT-EK

### submission requirements and process

Applications should be emailed to [folly@archleague.org](mailto:folly@archleague.org) no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, January 25, 2016. For entry requirements and FAQs, please visit [archleague.org/Folly16](http://archleague.org/Folly16)

### eligibility

Architects and designers are invited to apply. Applications will be accepted from individuals and firms; entrants need not be licensed. Architects and designers outside of New York City are eligible to apply, but housing and transportation are not provided with the award.

### questions

Email questions to [folly@archleague.org](mailto:folly@archleague.org).

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