

The Deborah J. Norden Fund Application Deadline February 24, 2025

The Deborah J. Norden Fund, a program of The Architectural League of New York, was established in 1995 in memory of architect and arts administrator Deborah Norden. The fund awards up to \$7,500 in travel and study grants to students and recent graduates committed to the study of architecture, architectural history, and urban studies.

Materials

Submit a proposal describing the objectives of the grant request and how it will contribute to your intellectual and creative development. Include the requested grant amount (up to \$7,500), a résumé, and a projected schedule and budget for travel and other costs.

An addendum for images, maps, or other supporting material may be included, but no more than four pages.

Two letters of recommendation from individuals who are knowledgeable about the individual's or team's ability and project.

The fund supports independent, travel-based projects and does not cover tuition or participation in organized programs like university study abroad. Dissertation research is considered but not prioritized. Preference is given to strong first-time applications and those from institutions with limited travel funding.

Requirements

Submit proposals, résumés, schedules, budgets, and optional addenda digitally as one letter-size PDF. The applicant's name and project title must be on the first page of the PDF. The PDF file name format should be "Primary Contact Last Name_Proposal.pdf".

Recommendation letters must be uploaded directly by recommenders via a separate form.

Applicants do not need to be enrolled in or have graduated from a professional architecture program but must demonstrate a commitment to studying the built environment.

Applicants must be full-time residents (not necessarily citizens) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico. Complete eligibility requirements can be found at archleague.org/Norden-2025.

Reports by previous Norden Fund winners can be found at archleague.org/past-norden-fund-winners.

Deadline

Proposals must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on February 24, 2025. Faxed, mailed, and late applications will not be accepted.

Letters of recommendation must be received by March 7, 2025. Mailed copies of letters will not be accepted.

Awards will be announced in May 2025.



Scan to apply or visit archleague.org/Norden-2025.