The Orlando Foundation for Architecture’s purpose is to promote public awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of the built environment, advocate for the preservation of historic architecture, demonstrate sustainable practices, offer scholarships for architectural education, and promote diversity in the architectural community.
About OFA

The Orlando Foundation for Architecture is a non-profit organization dedicated to public education that inspires people to discover WHY DESIGN MATTERS. Through educational programs, tours, exhibits, and events, the Orlando Foundation for Architecture promotes public understanding and appreciation of architecture and design. It inspires creativity and exploration of architecture, engineering, and design. Programs, exhibitions, and events take place at AIA Orlando and in schools and community sites throughout Central Florida.
The AIA Orlando Golf Tournament for Scholarships began in 1989 when a group of architects wanted to create opportunities for students to pursue higher education in the field of architecture right here in Central Florida.

The tournament has evolved over the years, and now brings architects and design professionals together with vendors and allied professionals from A/E/C industries for a day of friendly competition to raise scholarship funds for students facing financial hardship. Proceeds from the tournament will provide scholarships for students studying architecture in America’s only 2+2+2 architectural degree program.

Today, in its 30th year, the tournament has raised over $300,000.
OFA Scholarship Committee

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Architectural Programs

About Valencia College: Valencia’s articulated architecture pre-major facilitates the initial pathway for students interested in Architecture & Design careers. The college provides the foundation & lower division courses in the 2+2+2 degree program.

About UCF School of Architecture: UCF offers a Bachelor of Design in Architecture. This middle step in the 2+2+2 program provides a convenient, affordable, & flexible ways for students to complete their higher education studies in Central Florida.

About UF CityLab-Orlando: CityLab-located in downtown Orlando is the final step in the 2+2+2 program leading to a Master of Architecture degree. The program explores architectural ideas within the context of the city & uses the City of Orlando as a learning laboratory.
Eligibility & Award Criteria

Eligibility

1. Must be a full-time student enrolled in one of the 2+2+2 programs.
2. Must be enrolled as a full-time student the semester of the scholarship award.
3. Must have a minimum 3.50 grade point average at the time of application.

Award Criteria

1. Academic performance (GPA),
2. Personal letter, Resume, and 2 pages of images of selected work (4 total pages) and
3. Letters of recommendation
2020 Scholarships to be Awarded

- **$500**
  - 2nd Year Valencia Student

- **$1,750**
  - 1st Year UCF Student

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  - 2nd Year UCF Student

- **$5,000**
  - 1st Year UF CityLab Student

- **$5,000**
  - 2nd Year UF CityLab Student
$500
2nd Year
Valencia
Student
About Daphne Ibarra

Associates Degree in Pre-Architecture 2018 - Present
Valencia Community College

President’s List

Graduated High School with National Honor Society 2019
Ocoee High School

Dual Enrollment

Team Leader 2019 - Present
FrutaMix Mexican Kitchen
“My inspiration for architecture came from always seeing different buildings and seeing how each building has its own personality. My goals is to get licensed in architecture and later down the road, create my own firm. This scholarship means growth and the continuation of pursing my goal of becoming an architect.”
$1,750
1st Year
UCF Student
Melissa Orozco

OFA
Orlando Foundation for Architecture

$1,750
1st Year UCF Student

Melissa Orozco
About Melissa Orozco

Bachelor of Architecture 2018 – Present
University of Central Florida

Associates in Paralegal Studies 2018
Valencia Community College

Server Sep 2018 – Present
Bosphorous Turkish Cuisine
“Architecture has been a form of art that I’ve regarded highly ever since I could remember, having the privilege of being a first generation student, I always strove to acquire knowledge surrounding the work of those artists who not only left an impact on the world, but on a young girl from the country side of Colombia.

When starting my dream of becoming an architect, having a single mother with two children, our funds did not encompass the monetary needs of materials required for the career path. But when you’re destined for something, you find a way to make that special something happen.”
Melissa Orozco Portfolio
$1,750
2nd Year UCF Student
Widny Jean

OFA
Orlando Foundation for Architecture

$1,750
2nd Year
UCF
Student
About Widny Jean

Bachelor of Architecture 2019 - Present
University of Central Florida

Associate of Arts 2016 - 2019
UF CityLab
*Honors*

UCF AIAS Chapter 2019 - Present
Vice President
“As an aspiring architect, I knew that I needed experiences and trials that would mold me. Hence, I became active in areas that would enhance my skills as a future leader. Thanks to honor societies such as Seneff Honors College and The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, I thrived as a freshman. From seminars, on campus events and service-learning trips, I was able to develop myself as a professional.”
Widny Jean Portfolio
$5,000
1st Year
UF CityLab
Student
Natalie Casey

OFA
Orlando Foundation for Architecture

$5,000
1st Year
UF CityLab
Student
About Natalie Casey

Master of Architecture 2020 - 2022
UF CityLab

Bachelor of Design in Interior Design
University of Florida

NCIDQ Certification
Florida State Board of Architecture & Interior Design

LEED Accredited Professional March 2009

Interior Designer January 2020 – Present
Scott+Cormia Architecture & Interior Design
From Natalie Casey

“As a female and an African-American, the recent initiative to create diversity in this field ignited my ambition to put the wheels in forward motion. Every push is a step towards bringing change to the environments I have worked.

Pursing this degree, is not just about building buildings, I also hope to be a mirror for others to see a reflection of themselves when they walk into the office on the first day of work, so their focus never has to change from their passion for design, the way my focused changed for quite some years.”
$5,000
2nd Year
UF CityLab
Student
OFA
Orlando Foundation for Architecture

$5,000
2nd Year
UF CityLab Student

Alexandra McCoy
About Alexandra McCoy

Master of Architecture 2019 – 2021
UF CityLab

Bachelor of Design in Architecture 2017
University of Central Florida
Dean’s List

AA Architecture: Pre-Major to UCF 2015
Valencia Community College
Dean’s List

Architectural Designer 2018 – Present
Charlan Brock & Associates
From Alexandra McCoy

“My love for art and design is what inspired me to pursue a career in architecture.

Now as a graduate student at CityLab, I continue to pursue my professional experience as an Architectural Designer in multi-family housing. As I approach my final year, I plan to pursue my MRP in Feminism. As a woman and a minority, it is an important subject to me that deserves more attention. If we design architecture that benefits women, everyone benefits as well.”
COFFEE ROASTING LIVING/ WORKING SPACE
Seattle, WA
Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

Alexandra McCoy
Natalie Casey
Widny Jean
Melissa Orozco
Daphne Ibarra
Don’t miss OFA’s First In-Person Event of the Year!

ORLANDO FOUNDATION FOR ARCHITECTURE

ART SHOW

SHERATON ORLANDO NORTH   10.23.2020

www.orlandoarchitecture.org/artshow
Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed, volunteered, participated, and applied to make these Scholarships possible.

If you are interested in joining the Orlando Foundation for Architecture or contributing to wonderful programs such as these, visit [www.orlandoarchitecture.org](http://www.orlandoarchitecture.org) for more information.