

The Brookline Fund to Increase Diversity in Architecture & Design



The Challenge: Lack of Opportunity for Students and Lack of Diversity in Architecture & Design

Studies have shown that people of color are underrepresented in the fields of architecture and design. In Brookline, under-resourced students of color often do not have access to information about design professions and have few opportunities to gain real-world experience in the field. At the same time, Brookline design professionals are challenged by the lack of diversity in their practices. This convergence of factors presents us with an exciting opportunity to create a model for real change.

The Opportunity: Creating New Pathways for Careers in Architecture & Design

Brookline is uniquely positioned to create a model for real, impactful change. Our community has an existing educational and mentoring infrastructure including Brookline High School, Brookline Teen Center (BTC), and Steps to Success, and a large number of professionals interested in the intersection of architecture, design, inclusion, and opportunity.

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The Brookline Fund to Increase Diversity in Architecture & Design, managed by the Brookline Community Foundation, was launched to **provide Brookline under-resourced students of color (*rising juniors and seniors*) with an opportunity to explore careers in architecture and design.** This effort will consist in:

- Opportunities for students to learn about design professions through presentations, design fairs, office visits, building tours, and shadowing opportunities;
- Opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience through summer internships, scholarships for summer high school design programs, and a design lab with volunteers providing coaching;
- Financial support during students' college careers and the creation of a scholarship fund through the Brookline Community Foundation;
- Ongoing mentoring and internship opportunities for students.



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Application Form for a Scholarship from the Fund

The scholarship is a three-part summer program aimed at under-resourced high school students of color (*rising juniors and seniors*) curious about exploring a potential career in architecture and design. The program will consist of up to one week of shadowing at studioMLA Architects, preceding the student's attendance at either the Boston Architectural College Summer Academy Program (*4 weeks in July*) or the UMass Amherst Summer Design Academy (*3 weeks in July*) with weekly check-ins at studioMLA, and a paid internship in August to put in practice the skills learned during the Summer Academy. We anticipate that other members of the Brookline design community will participate in this program in the future.

To apply, complete the application below and email it to admin@studiomla.com or fill out the Google Form located at studiomla.com. Brookline High School will review each application to determine eligibility. studioMLA Architects will then review eligible applicants and set up a time to meet the candidate (in-person or virtually). If awarded the scholarship by studioMLA Architects, you will be recommended to apply to the Boston Architectural College Summer Academy Program or to the UMass Amherst Summer Design Academy. If you have any questions about the application please email admin@studiomla.com

Personal Information

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Address _____

Year in High School _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Person _____
Name Relationship Phone Number

Please indicate how you identify yourself. (*Select one or more*)

Native American or Alaska Native

White

Asian

Hispanic or Latino

Black or African American _____

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Personal Interest *List 4-5 interests, activities, hobbies, etc.*

Experience

Do you have previous experience in design (including graphic design, architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, etc.)?

In Your Free Time:

School-Related:

Motivation

Write one paragraph about your motivation for participation in a pre-college summer Architecture and Design Program.

Let's Get Creative

In no more than one paragraph, tell us about a building you'd design in Brookline/Boston if given a one-million-dollars budget. Tell us about the building's purpose and what you envision the exterior interior would look like.

Additional Information Are you familiar with the following:

Adobe Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop) Yes No

If yes, describe below:

AutoCAD Yes No

If yes, describe below:

SketchUp Yes No

If yes, describe below:

Other Software Yes No

If yes, describe below:

Teacher Reference

Name

Subject

Email

Availability this Summer

Are you available for the BAC Summer Academy Program in July (4 weeks during the weekdays from 12:00 - 3:30)?

Yes No

Are you available for the UMass Summer Design Academy in July (3 weeks during the weekdays from 9:00 - 4:00)?

Yes No

Are you available for a two-week minimum internship in August (during the weekdays from 9:30 - 4:30)?

Yes No

I am not available for the following dates over the summer.

How Did You Hear About Us?

Brookline Teen Center

Brookline High School

Steps to Success

Other _____

Media Release Form (Optional)

I grant permission for studioMLA Architects to use photographs and/or videos taken of my child during their internship period at studioMLA Architects. I understand the photos and/or video may be used in print or online publications to promote The Brookline Community Foundation Scholarship.

Name of Adult, or Guardian of Child under the age 18

Signature of Adult, or Guardian of Child under the age 18

Date