The 2017 Lawrence B. Anderson Award
CALL FOR ENTRIES

The MIT School of Architecture and Planning announces the sixteenth biennial competition for the Lawrence B. Anderson Award. The application deadline is 5PM EST December 20, 2017.

The Award was initiated in the spring of 1987, in tribute to the former dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, to be given out every other year in support of creative documentation as a valuable form of learning. The endowment fund was initiated by two of Anderson’s former students, I. M. Pei (’40 AR) and William E. Hartmann (’39 AR), as a lasting tribute to their teacher. The award also helps the Institute develop its resources by requiring copies of all the winners’ documentation to be deposited in the Rotch Library and Visual Collections.

The award is intended to help develop recipients’ capacities for understanding and portraying cultural settings, from object to landscapes. Documentation is expected to include the use of both words and pictures, and visual modes may include photography, drawing and/or other techniques.

The competition is open to those with professional-level degrees and/or to those who have made a recognized contribution to the design of the built environment. Applicants must have been in full-time residence in the MIT School for a two-year period. (A one year’s residence leading to the MArch also confers eligibility.)

A jury appointed by the Dean will evaluate applications according to the significance of the proposed subject matter, the feasibility of proposed procedures for work in the field, the demonstration of appropriate verbal and graphic skills, and the potential for accessibility, reproducibility, and completeness of the report. The jury will announce a winner in March 2018. The award for 2017 will be $20,000.

To receive further information and an application form, please contact

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The Lawrence B. Anderson Award
Application 2017

Name:____________________________________________

Street Address:____________________________________

City:___________________________ State/Province:________

Country:________________________ Zip/Postal Code:____________

Telephone:______________ Facsimile:_____________________

E-mail Address:____________________

Nationality:________________________ Date of Birth:____________________

Academic Degrees, with Institutions and dates:

Associations with MIT, with dates:

Recent Occupation or Academic Status:
In addition:

1. In not more than 250 words, (a) identify the subject and work already done; (b) state proposed format and media to be used in the report; (c) describe a procedure for conduct of the investigation; and (d) give expected duration of activity and final date for submittal of report.

2. Append anticipated rough distribution of costs, including travel, living expenses, work by assistants, and field materials (not over $500; the Award will not pay for equipment such as cameras). Indicate amount and source of any other funding to be applied.

3. Attach or make available portfolio with evidence of capacity for visual documentation.

4. Attach no more than three one-page supporting letters from individuals who can comment on your abilities in relationship to the Award requirements.

All application materials must be postmarked or received in e-mail no later than December 20, 2017 and sent to

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