

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Julius Gy. FÁBOS Research Award in  
Landscape Architecture

**Up to \$500 in the Spring Semester**

### Objectives

The purpose of the Award is to promote the pursuit of new knowledge in landscape architecture by supporting graduate student research at Rutgers. Building a tradition of scholarship in landscape architecture is an invaluable step towards strengthening the graduate program at Rutgers. The competitive application process is used to help focus and accelerate research proposals at an early time. The financial support for research will expand the program's body of work as it permits students to pursue avenues that may have otherwise proved too costly.

### Application Procedure

MLA I students in the spring of the second year or MLA II students in the spring of their first year are eligible to apply. The application must consist of the following:

1. Funded Research Plan

The funding proposal should include a very specific plan which outlines the study methods and procedures to be undertaken with the funding. The proposal should be detailed with step-by-step process. The plan should include a justification for the funding explaining how it impacts the overall project. The plan should include a time line indicating the dates and duration of the funded research and the schedule of activities. It should also demonstrate how the proposed project contributes or links to the body of knowledge within the discipline.

2. Budget

The proposal should include a detailed budget. The budget can include travel, special materials, or equipment that are necessary for the research. The project should not request general use items like digital cameras or laptop computers. Budgets should not exceed \$500. This award can be used in combination with other funding to complete a larger project. If so funding allocations from this award will be specifically identified in the proposed budget.

3. Draft thesis proposal or draft final project proposal

The student should submit a draft copy of the proposal for their final research effort. The specific work to be funded should be a meaningful element of the larger proposal. The proposal should include a clear research question or hypothesis to which the funded research will clearly contribute.

Students applying for the Fabos Award. Applicants should submit the required materials as a PDF to Gail McKenzie at [gail.mckenzie@rutgers.edu](mailto:gail.mckenzie@rutgers.edu) when the application has been announced as "open". Please check the department site or look for an email announcement with the due date.

### Evaluation

The application will be evaluated by the scholarship committee for the soundness and achievability of the objectives and the degree to which the funded research supports the project. After identifying projects for funding, the committee may request specific changes to the research or budget before granting the Award.

### Project Completion Report

Upon completion of the funded research, students will submit a 2-page report on the research activities to the scholarship committee. It should include a concise section detailing the use of the Award funds and the completion of the Award work. It should include a second section describing the research conducted and any notable outcomes. The second section should be written and provided in a format that allows posting on the Department website.