

# WHEELWRIGHT PRIZE

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: Harvard GSD 2017 Wheelwright Prize

- **\$100,000 traveling fellowship for early-career architects enters fifth year as an open international competition**
- **2014 Winner Jose Ahedo to lecture at the GSD November 17; event will be livestreamed**

Cambridge, MA — The Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD) is pleased to announce the fifth cycle of the Wheelwright Prize, an open international competition that awards \$100,000 annually to a talented early-career architect to support travel-based research. The 2017 Wheelwright Prize is now accepting applications. *Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2017.* This annual prize is dedicated to fostering new forms of architectural research informed by cross-cultural engagement.

The Wheelwright Prize is open to emerging architects practicing anywhere in the world. The primary eligibility requirement is that applicants must have received a degree from a professionally accredited architecture program in the past 15 years (after 2002). Applicants are asked to submit a portfolio, a research proposal, and a travel itinerary that takes them outside their country of residence. Applicants will be judged on the quality of their design work, scholarly accomplishments, originality and persuasiveness of their research proposal, and evidence of ability to fulfill the proposed project.

In 2013 Harvard GSD revamped the Arthur W. Wheelwright Traveling Fellowship, which was established in 1935 in memory of Wheelwright, Class of 1887. The original fellowship was intended to encourage the study of architecture outside the United States, giving outstanding GSD alumni a classic Grand Tour experience at a time when international travel was rare. In the 81-year history of the prize, fellows have included Paul Rudolph, Eliot Noyes, William Wurster, Christopher Tunnard, I. M. Pei, Klaus Herdeg, Farès el-Dahdah, Adele Santos, and Linda Pollak. The new Wheelwright Prize invites architects to imagine a Grand Tour for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to propose travel itineraries propelled by compelling research agenda.

"The overwhelming response to the prize reflects the strong desire of an emerging generation of architects to push the boundaries of the profession," remarked Harvard GSD Dean Mohsen Mostafavi. "Having reviewed hundreds of applications from around the world, it's clear that young architects everywhere are interested in alternative practices tied to a global spectrum of political, social, cultural, and environmental concerns."

An international jury will be announced in January 2017. Standing members of the Wheelwright Prize Organizing Committee include Dean Mostafavi and Professors K. Michael Hays. Applications are accepted online only, at [wheelwrightprize.org](http://wheelwrightprize.org). Finalists for the 2017 prize will be invited to present at Harvard GSD in April 2017, and a winner will named shortly thereafter.

In addition to the cash purse of \$100,000, Wheelwright Prize winners are invited to participate in the GSD's renowned lecture series. On Thursday, November 17, the 2014 winner Jose Ahedo will present his research project, *Domesticated Grounds: Design and Domesticity Within Animal Farming Systems*. The lecture will take place in Gund Hall's Piper Auditorium (48 Quincy Street, Cambridge), and is free and open to the public. Ahedo, founder of Studio Ahedo in Barcelona, has spent the past two years, logging 8,300 miles on visits to eight countries on four continents, meeting over 200 farmers, scholars, policymakers, and others involved in animal farming. The lecture will be live-streamed from the Harvard GSD website [www.gsd.harvard.edu](http://www.gsd.harvard.edu).

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## Previous Wheelwright Prize winners:

- **2016**, Anna Puigjaner, Barcelona (BArch 2004, MArch 2008 and PhD 2014, Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona-Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya), for her proposal to study collective housing models in Russia, Brazil, Sweden, China, Korea, and India, and their varied approaches to organizing domestic spaces. The 2016 finalists included Samuel Bravo (Santiago, Chile), Matilde Cassani (Milan), and Pierpaolo Tamburelli (Milan).
- **2015**, Erik L'Heureux, Singapore (BArch 1996, Washington University in St. Louis, and MArch 2000, Princeton University), for his proposal to study architecture in five dense cities in the equatorial zone. The 2015 finalists including Malkit Shoshan (Amsterdam) and Quynh Vantu (London).
- **2014**, Jose M. Ahedo, Barcelona (BArch 2005, Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de la Universitat de Catalunya), for his research on the architecture and organization of structures related to animal farming;
- **2013**, Gia Wolff, Brooklyn (MArch 2008, Harvard GSD), for her study of the spectacular, temporary, urban-scale float structures that transform Rio de Janeiro during carnival.

Links to 2013 winner Gia Wolff's lecture at Harvard GSD (Spring 2015), and the 2014 and 2015 finalists' presentations may be found at [wheelwrightprize.org](http://wheelwrightprize.org).

## HARVARD GSD OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Harvard GSD has supported generations of architects through a wide array of fellowships, grants, awards, scholarships, and internship programs. In recent years, the school has expanded its offerings to an international community of outstanding architects, designers, and scholars. In addition to the **Wheelwright Prize**, the GSD is currently accepting applications for the **Richard Rogers Fellowship**, a research residency at the Wimbledon House, a modern masterpiece Rogers designed for his parents in the 1960s. This newly launched prize is available to professionals and scholars who are advanced in their careers, working in any field related to the built environment. The prize includes a three-month residency in London, travel expenses, and cash prize of \$10,000 USD to cover living expenses. Six fellowships will be awarded annually. *Deadline is November 28, 2016.* For more information, please visit [RichardRogersFellowship.org](http://RichardRogersFellowship.org).

The Wheelwright Prize and the Richard Rogers Fellowship are consistent with Harvard GSD's global outlook and emphasis on diverse forms of investigation that broaden the potential of the design fields.

## INFORMATION

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