

DONOR APPRECIATION 2024

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we have been able to expand our portfolio of awards for students, interns, and young professionals who are emerging as future leaders of the architectural profession. Some 2024 highlights:

Bing Thom Award

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Bing Thom Award, a biannual program honouring the legacy of one of Canada's most visionary architects. This award is funded by an endowment of \$100,000 drawn from the generous donation of \$250,000 made by the Bing Thom Foundation in 2022. Open to students enrolled in schools of architecture across Canada and Hong Kong, there will be two awards of \$3500 made in 2025.



Bing Thom FRAIC 1940-2016

SW Ontario RAIC College Bursaries

For several years, the Southwest Ontario Chapter of the RAIC College has made donations totaling \$76,000 in support of our awards programs, raised through an annual garden party held in the courtyard of Toronto's Massey College. In 2024, the Chapter donated \$40,000, of which \$30,000 was designated for an annual bursary for the three architecture schools in the region. Starting in 2025, the top architecture students at the University of Toronto, Toronto Metropolitan University, and the University of Waterloo will each receive a bursary of \$5,000. We are grateful to the many individuals and firms who have supported this

effort and donated so generously towards the RAIC Foundation's work.

Increasing the Values of Other Awards

In addition to these new awards, we are pleased to announce that we have raised the amounts being given out for three of our existing awards:

- In consultation with the Canada Green Building Council, we will now offer a second \$5000 Scholarship for Sustainable Design and Research, open to the best Masters thesis proposal from each of the accredited schools of architecture, as well as from the RAIC Syllabus Program.
- We have also added a second \$5000 award to the College of Fellows Centennial Fund Bursary, which supports projects that promote the value and image of the architectural profession to the general public.
- With Eva Matsuzaki's support, we have raised **the amount of** the Kiyoshi Matsuzaki RAIC Syllabus Scholarship from \$3000 to \$10,000 annually. We believe this change will be transformative for the recipient, who aspires to complete the RAIC Syllabus Program and become a licensed architect anywhere in Canada.

Grants for Indigenous Students

With your help, we continue to support Indigenous architecture students by providing an annual grant of \$5000 to Indspire's 'Build a Better Future' program. The federal government matches this grant, doubling its impact.

Collaboration with CASA

We continue to collaborate with the Canadian Architecture Students Association (CASA), which shares our messaging directly with architecture students across the country through social media.

On behalf of the students, interns and young architects it supports, RAICF thanks all of you who made donations in 2024, and looks forward to working with you again in the coming year.