



ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY  
INTERIOR DESIGNERS

## GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Association of University Interior Designers (AUID) is a non-profit organization established in 1979 by several Interior Designers from Midwestern universities to provide a means of networking and interaction for “in-house” designers and directors of campus facilities who work in institutions of higher education. Since 1979, membership has grown significantly and AUID has representatives from across the nation. Our organization strives to support upcoming interior designers and has created a scholarship to help students with their professional development costs.

### Eligibility to Apply for This Scholarship:

An applicant must currently be a graduate interior design or interior architecture student currently attending an accredited institution at the time of application or a 2024 graduate. *Previous winners of the AUID scholarship cannot re-apply for two years after award.*

### Procedures:

To apply, fill out the [form](#) on the AUID website and email deliverables listed below to [LeeAnn Crist](#). *Applicants will not be considered should any deliverables be missing or incomplete.*

1. **Cover Letter:** Cover letter should provide a personal statement detailing your aspirations and goals for the design degree as well as how you intend on using the scholarship.
2. **Resume:** Resume to include work experience, honors/awards, extracurricular activities, organization memberships and positions held, degrees earned and pursuing, and any other pertinent information.
3. **Portfolio:** Portfolio should display interior design projects only; architectural projects will not be accepted. Students should use the provided template found [here](#) to create their portfolio submission. Page 1 will provide a student’s research abstract pursued during graduate studies, Page 2 showcase the best interior design work with details of project scope. Page 3 to showcase thumbnails of other works. Provide narrative for projects on pages 2 and 3 in the comment section.
4. **Letter of recommendation:** applicant must provide contact information for a reference. This may be a present or former employer, a design professional, or a professor having direct knowledge of your academic and work performance within your degree program. We will contact them directly with a virtual survey to include with the student’s application.
5. **On-Line Presentation:** The top candidate(s) will be invited to present their Portfolio via 30-minute Zoom. Candidate will have maximum 15-minutes to present, and 15-minutes is reserved for conversation.

### Application Deadline: **September 30, 2024 (Extended)**

**Review and Award:** The Graduate Scholarship winner(s) will receive cash awards, ranging from \$1,000-\$2,500. The submittals will be evaluated on professional writing skills, strength of resume, and the demonstration of understanding of code compliance, creativity, and presentation skills.

The AUID Scholarship Committee will be responsible for reviewing and selecting winners from all complete applications. In the event of a tie, the final decision will be made by the committee and the AUID Board.

**Recipient Notification and Disbursement of Award Funds:** Finalists will be notified mid-September and asked for permission to share applicant’s photograph and portfolio at the AUID Annual Conference. Winners will be notified by phone no later than October 17, 2024. Scholarship award checks will be sent by direct deposit or check.

Application Form: <http://www.auid.org/index.php/scholarships/>

Portfolio Template Link: [Canva](#)

Deliverables to be submitted in PDF format to: [leeann@creighton.edu](mailto:leeann@creighton.edu)