

Institute for
Public Architecture

Panorama of Possibilities: Queens



Call for Entries
Summer Fellow Residency
2018

Project Description

This summer the IPA will locate our Residency in Queens, the largest and most diverse borough in New York City. Across this mixed-income borough the pressures of new development are changing the affordability and character of many of its vital neighborhoods. Given the dramatic rezoning and subsequent building boom in Long Island City, the proposed rezoning of Willets Point, and the constant building proposals brought to community boards across the borough, the IPA aspires to democratize the conversation and engage the Queens citizenry, institutions and stakeholders around future development. Specifically, our Fellows will utilize and make accessible community district data, as-of-right zoning, and other relevant mapping research for the neighborhoods surrounding Flushing Meadow Park. Using this information, combined with the leveraging of under-utilized neighborhood assets and untapped spatial opportunities, the Fellows will work with community members to create innovative and appropriately scaled design responses.

Through the IPA's collaboration with the Queens Museum, our Fellows will have direct access to the invaluable urban planning resource of The Panorama of the City of New York, a 1"-100' scale model of all five boroughs originally conceived for the 1964 World's Fair by 'master builder' Robert Moses. The 'City of Promise' will serve as the backdrop to the cohorts' research and design work, to visualize development opportunities, either through 3D graphic imagery or actual scaled building models, that will address community aspirations, strengthen public interaction, and more fully reflect the diversity and vitality of its residents.

About the Fellowship

Below is a description of the 2018 Fellows Residency Program:

The Fellowship: Up to eight selected Fellows will work in Queens utilizing publicly obtained as-of-right development information to visualize design opportunities in the borough. To assist in this endeavor the IPA has engaged Michael Kwartler, the founder of the Environmental Simulation Center, a non-profit created to use information technology for performance-based planning, design and decision-making. Through research and collaboration with City officials, the Fellows are asked not only to develop their individual project but are encouraged to collaborate with each other. To facilitate the collaboration, the IPA will enable the cohort to:

- Meet weekly with guest lecturers
- Share team meals
- Collectively problem solve

The Residency lasts eight weeks. By providing an intimate setting for our cohort of Fellows with outside practitioners and stakeholders, the IPA provides a rich educational experience. The summer residency will culminate with a public exhibition of the projects, to be augmented with Fellow presentations, panel discussions, screenings and public forums.

Selection

Selection criteria: Innovative contribution to discourse on housing, sanctuary cities, and engagement with community. (We are accepting proposals with a range of experience.)

Application Requirements

Please email a PDF application to info@the-ipa.org, with the following info, in order: (8.5"x11", maximum 12 pages, 3 MB).

- Name, contact info
- Project title
- Project Synopsis: What do you plan on producing during your time with the IPA in Queens?
- Project Support: How do you see the time with the IPA supporting this endeavor?
- Project statement (maximum 500 words -- if your project requires funding beyond the small IPA stipend, please indicate where this will come from)
- CV
- Work sample(s): Upload a portfolio of past projects that best illustrates your design sensibility and your commitment to social justice. 10MB max
- 1-2 References (optional)
- Ability to commit 20 hours/week on your project, with weekly team meals, and bi-weekly public presentations

Deadline: 5:00 pm EDT, Monday April 30, 2018.

Benefits & Expectations

Fellows will be given space to exhibit their work and to foster collaboration. During the residency, we will facilitate connections with local nonprofits and advocacy groups and will bring in experts to critique the Fellows' work. A small stipend will be provided. Fellows will present their work-in-progress publicly and in a culminating open studio reception.

Fellows receive:

- Recognition as Institute for Public Architecture Fellows.
- Space for exhibition and collaboration for two months.
- Access to community groups, experts in design, architecture, planning and policy.
- IPA will facilitate events and open studio.
- Promotion through IPA campaigns.

Schedule

(Subject to change)

April

30, 2018 Applications due

May

14, 2018 Fellows announced

July

9 Start Fellowship Program
11 Guest lecture/ team meal
18 Public Program/ Panel Discussion
25 Guest lecture/ team meal

August

1 Public Program/ Panel Discussion
8 Guest lecture/ team meal
15 Public Program/ Panel Discussion
22 Guest lecture/ team meal
29 Final Exhibit
31 Clean up of space/move out

Note

Materials submitted for the residency selection process become the property of the IPA, and may be retained for exhibition, publication, and promotion purposes. The IPA reserves the right in its retention of ownership of all competition materials to utilize submissions in any exhibition, publication, or promotional endeavor, and without compensation to the entrants. Each competitor will retain full copyright of all materials submitted unless otherwise stated. The IPA will not be held liable for any damages, errors or omissions.

