

## The School of Architecture and Urban Design Multicultural Architecture Scholars Program (MASP) Overview

The MASP Program, founded in 2003, is open to outstanding undergraduate students from under-represented groups (e.g., African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, first generation college students, and low-socio-economic status students as defined by Pell Grant eligibility)

### Who are MASP Scholars?

Students from under-represented groups who:

- o Are in the KU M.Arch, professional, 5+ year degree program
- o Are well prepared for an Architecture curriculum
- o Want to benefit from supportive relationships with others
- o Want to achieve excellent academic progress

All students in the program are U.S. Citizens or Permanent U.S. Residents

### What does the MASP offer?

As a member of the Multicultural Architecture Scholars Program (MASP), students will receive a financial scholarship and will join a community of students and professors who make the transition from high school to college a smooth one. The program addresses, academic, social and personal aspects of experiences at the University of Kansas and assists students to get the maximum benefits of a college education during their University years.

Acceptance into the MASP usually occurs upon completion of one semester of design studio in the professional architecture program and, for an accepted student who meets the Program's obligations, MASP continues to offer support until he/she graduates. During this time, she/he will also be expected to assist newer students in the program. The program is designed for academically well-prepared students who have a strong interest in their Architecture Major.

### What does MASP do?

The MASP provides these services and activities to student members:

- o Financial Scholarships
- o Monthly Student-Mentor Meetings
- o Academic feedback and planning
- o Academic advising
- o Time and crisis management
- o Financial aid, internship and job opportunities
- o Career exploration
- o Architecture Group Meetings.

All MASP students gather each semester to discuss and plan the following:

- o Networking with students, family, faculty, and architecture practitioners
- o Feedback on academic progress for the group
- o Financial aid leads
- o Learning about and appreciating others' cultural backgrounds

### Cultural Events and Meetings

In addition to its focus on academics, the MASP Program includes mandatory extra-curricular activities that help students develop social and cultural awareness skills. These include: attendance at theater, opera, dance, concerts and other arts performances; meals with the group; architecturally related site and office visits; family, faculty and donor involvement in social activities

### Program Background and Results:

- o Located in the School of Architecture at the University of Kansas where Architecture has been taught since 1913
- o Range of number of students in the program: 16 - 20
- o Retention rate over the first three year period: 79%
- o Supported by private funding from individual donors, university faculty and staff, architectural practices and donor institutions.

### School of Architecture and University support activities include:

- o Tutoring
- o Advising
- o Career development assistance
- o Internship planning

### Multicultural Architecture Scholars agree to fulfill the following requirements:

- o Full class attendance
- o Full attendance at group meetings
- o Preparation for all meetings with faculty director/mentor
- o Honesty about academic performance
- o Maintenance of a minimum GPA of 2.50 per semester
- o Commitment to supporting MASP after graduation

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or see MASP Application Procedures document on this website at [www.saud.ku.edu](http://www.saud.ku.edu) under *Scholarships* and *MASP*

#### Record of MASP Scholar Successes :-

MASP Scholars in the KU Honors Program  
MASP Scholars listed on the KU Honor Roll  
MASP Scholars selected for the McNair Scholars Program  
MASP Scholar invited to join KC-AIA Pillars Leadership Training Group  
MASP Scholar selected to join the 'Goldman Sachs Scholars Alumni Program / Focus First' Seminar in NYC  
MASP Scholars elected as KU SUA Student Senators  
MASP Scholars selected as KU Kansas Asia Scholar and travelled to Japan  
MASP Scholars completed a year-long KU Study Abroad Exchange Program in Germany  
MASP Scholar selected as a Neukloster Scholar, traveling to Germany  
MASP Scholar participated in Design Study Tour to Italy  
MASP Scholar participated in semester-long KU Study Abroad Exchange Program in Australia  
MASP Scholars admitted to KU Scholarship Residential Halls