

## Multicultural Architectural Scholars Program (MASP) Overview

The Multicultural Architectural Scholars Program (MASP), founded in 2003, is designed for outstanding academically well-prepared undergraduate students from under-represented groups (e.g., African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, first generation college students, and low-socio-economic status students as defined by Pell Grant eligibility) who are committed to applying their talents to their studies and personal and professional development.

### MASP eligibility

Undergraduate students from under-represented groups who:

- are in the B.A.-M.Arch. (6 yrs) or M.Arch. I (5 yrs) professional degree programs,
- have completed one semester of design studio or workshop,
- and are U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents.

### What does the MASP offer?

As a MASP scholar, you will join a community of students and professors whose goal is to enrich your college experience. The program addresses academic, social, and personal aspects of your experiences at The University of Kansas and assists you to get the maximum benefits of a college education during your university years. Your Program Director is your mentor and main source of support to guide you to graduation. In addition, you will join a peer group of students who are pursuing similar degree goals, attend the same classes, and share professional aspirations.

Acceptance into the MASP usually occurs upon completion of one semester of design studio or workshop in the architecture program. For an accepted student who meets the program's contractual obligations, the MASP continues to offer support until he/she graduates. During this time, he/she will also be expected to assist newer students in the program.

The MASP provides the following services and activities to student members:

- Academic advising
- Time and crisis management
- Financial aid, internship, and job opportunities
- Career exploration
- Tutoring
- Semester financial stipends
- Networking with students, faculty, alumni, and architecture practitioners

In addition to its focus on academics, the MASP includes mandatory extracurricular activities that help students develop leadership, social, and cultural awareness skills. These may include but are not limited to: attendance at theater, opera, dance, concerts and other arts performances; architecturally related site and office visits; sporting events; leadership workshops; and guest lectures.

### Program background

- Located in the Department of Architecture at The University of Kansas where architecture has been taught since 1913.
- Number of scholars in the program per year: 16-20
- Supported by private funding from individual donors, university faculty and staff, architectural practices and donor institutions.

### Scholars agree to fulfill the following requirements

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

### For further information

Contact program co-directors

Professor Jae Chang (785.864.1446, [jdchang@ku.edu](mailto:jdchang@ku.edu))

Professor Kapila Silva (785.864.1150, [kapilads@ku.edu](mailto:kapilads@ku.edu))

Or visit <http://www.sadp.ku.edu/scholarships>

### Record of MASP Scholar Successes:

KU Honors Program; KU Honor Roll; McNair Scholars Program; KC-AIA Pillars Leadership Training Group; Goldman Sachs Scholars Alumni Program/Focus First Seminar in NYC; KU Student Senate; KU Kansas Asia Scholar (Japan); Neukloster Scholar (Germany); KU Scholarship Residential Halls; Study Abroad or Exchange programs in France, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Morocco, China, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia, Germany; Employed at major architecture firms across the country and internationally