

## Milka Bliznakov Research Prize

International Archive of Women in Architecture, Blacksburg, VA, USA, May 28–Jul 5, 2024

Deadline: Jul 5, 2024

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The International Archive of Women in Architecture invites proposals for the 2024 Milka Bliznakov Research Prize.

The IAWA Center invites architects, scholars, professionals, students, and researchers to honor IAWA founder Professor Milka T. Bliznakov through research on women in architecture and related design

fields. This research, in concert with the preservation efforts of the IAWA, is intended to help fill the current void in historical knowledge about women's professional achievements. The prize is designed to facilitate in-person research in the IAWA archive and produce scholarship related to the work of women who shaped the designed environment, thus preserving for posterity a record of their achievements.

The Board of Advisors of the International Archive of Women in Architecture Center (IAWA) presents this Annual Prize of \$5000. The prize is awarded in two stages. After proposals are submitted and evaluated, a Milka Bliznakov Research Prize Residency Candidate will be named and awarded \$2500 to facilitate travel to the Archive in Blacksburg, VA. After the Candidate has completed research and writing, and submitted their work to the IAWA, the Award Winner will be named and a further \$2500 awarded.

### PROPOSAL CONTENT:

The proposal must outline the work the applicant plans to complete at the Archive to produce an original project, research, or scholarly work that advances the recognition of women's contributions in design. The proposal shall draw upon the IAWA collections while reflecting upon the broader context. The proposal should include the following elements:

1. Outline of research to be completed, including a listing of the specific IAWA collections to be consulted in the research. See the guide to the collections here: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/iawa/collections>
2. Proposed schedule for residency to include a talk open to the Virginia Tech university community and the general public.
3. Intended product of the research, a copy of which is to be donated to the archive upon completion. Examples of the product of research may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Research paper
  - Visual or physical original work that references or utilizes research from the Archive Article, chapter, book, or report documenting the activities and work of the residency (maybe self-pub-

lished)

- Conference paper, presented at the IAWA Symposium and/or other conference
- Notebook or sketchbook produced during the residency

SUBMISSION MATERIAL:

- 500-word proposal
- maximum of 5 related images
- curriculum vitae of the applicant/s

The proposal should be submitted electronically as a PDF to [iawacenter@vt.edu](mailto:iawacenter@vt.edu); using the subject

heading: 2024 Milka Bliznakov Research Prize. The file must be received by July 5, 2024 and should be addressed to:

IAWA Center Executive Committee  
ATTN: Paola Zellner Bassett  
Chair, International Archive of Women in Architecture  
School of Architecture  
Virginia Tech

For more information, please visit: <https://iawacenter.aad.vt.edu/2024-milka-bliznakov-prize-call/>

Deadline for submissions is July 5, 2024.

Reference:

ANN: Milka Bliznakov Research Prize. In: Arthist.net, May 30, 2024 (accessed Jan 18, 2026),  
<<https://arthist.net/archive/42003>>.