

Norman Foster Foundation



# Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop OPEN CALL

14-18 November 2022

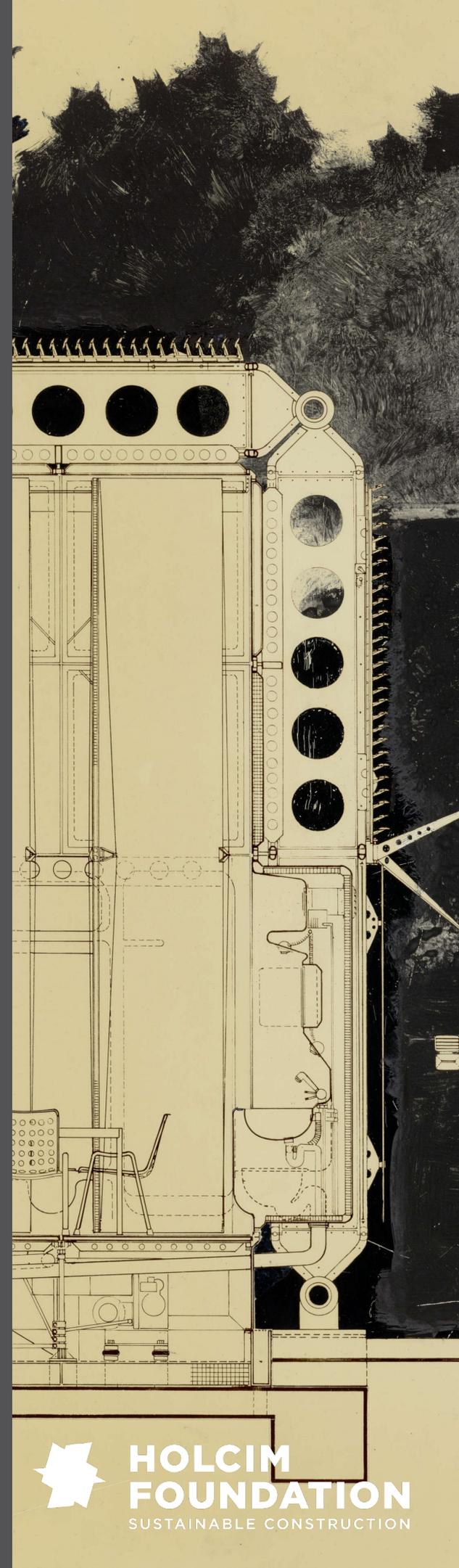
The Norman Foster Foundation is awarding ten scholarships for students to take part in the first edition of the Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop, to be held at the Norman Foster Foundation headquarters in Madrid, Spain

Calling students currently enrolled in programmes related to Architecture, Urbanism, Design, Science, Social Sciences, Engineering and Politics

Download the application at:  
<http://www.normanfosterfoundation.org>

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2022 by 24:00 CEST

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How do we deliver affordable housing in our cities? The 2022 NFF Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop will look at how the various stakeholders can meet demand for housing in our cities and study what we as designers can do to meet the challenge.

The provision of Affordable Housing in our cities is central to delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals and for people to continue to thrive in our cities through a period of urbanisation.

The challenge is unprecedented. We are facing rapid and unplanned urbanisation, climate change together with an energy crisis and rising cost of living, migration, and the financialization of housing. Productivity in our construction industry has remained flat for decades and we are slow to adopt new methods and technologies. We have resource scarcity leading in part to rapidly increasing material prices and a big carbon footprint associated with our traditional materials and methods.

We will explore this problem through three lenses: (i) innovative design and construction, (ii) urban planning and placemaking and (iii) social and public matters.

With contributions from a multidisciplinary range of leading experts, the workshop will address the provision of affordable housing in cities of different contexts globally.

The workshop is funded by the Holcim Foundation and represents an opportunity to join an exceptional network of experts working globally to find sustainable solutions to the built environment.



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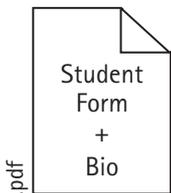
## How to Apply:



### 1. Provide an answer to the following challenge question:

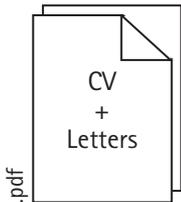
What design and construction solutions are you most excited about to solve the affordable housing crisis in the city you know best? Please respond by identifying the nature of the problem in your chosen city and identify some of your innovative ideas to approach this problem.

Please submit a single file or link with your answer. There is no fixed format (video, presentation, 1000 word essay, etc.) Creativity and original work will be highly appreciated.



### 2. Download and fill in the Student Form

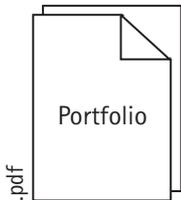
Fill in your details within the provided Student Form PDF including a short biography (80-100 words) emphasising your background as it relates to the Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop.



### 3. CV + Motivational letter + Reference letters

Submit a digital copy of your CV (DIN-A4 format)

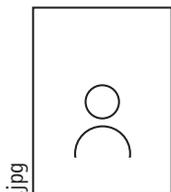
Please include a copy of your motivational letter and reference letters at the end of the CV.



### 4. Portfolio

Submit a digital copy of your Portfolio (DIN-A4 format) highlighting your work in relation to the Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop.

This file should not be no bigger than 10 MB.



### 5. Portrait picture

Submit your portrait image with a white uniform background, in JPG format.

This file should be at least 1MB.

### 6. Submit the five docs via email to [research@normanfosterfoundation.org](mailto:research@normanfosterfoundation.org)

Email title: 'Open Call Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop 2022 - NAME SURNAME, UNIVERSITY, COUNTRY'

Deadline: Friday, 30 September 2022 by 24:00 CEST (Madrid time)

#### Application Conditions

1. All contents must be in English.
2. The selection process is only open to students **currently** enrolled in educational programmes (Bachelor, Masters or PhD) with a strong background in architecture, design, engineering, computation, humanities or science. Students working full-time in a private initiative are not eligible for the scholarship.
3. Only complete applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee.
4. For any questions or concerns about the submission process please contact [research@normanfosterfoundation.org](mailto:research@normanfosterfoundation.org)

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### Student Form

Name:

Surname(s):

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

University:

University Department / Professor:

Currently enrolled in:

Bachelors

Master

PhD

Email:

Biography:

Maximum of 80-100 words emphasising your background related to sustainability, design and the built environment.

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