

Norman Foster Foundation

# Sustainability Workshop **OPEN CALL**

**13–17 November 2023**

The Norman Foster Foundation is awarding ten scholarships for students to take part in the third edition of the Sustainability Workshop, to be held at the Norman Foster Foundation headquarters in Madrid, Spain

Calling students currently enrolled in programmes related to Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urbanism, Design, Natural Science, Computer Science, Engineering or Environmental Studies

Download the application at:

<http://www.normanfosterfoundation.org>

The deadline for applications is 10 October 2023 by 24:00 CEST

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In the Anthropocene, as we face escalating climate change, catastrophic biodiversity loss, and human suffering, the need to reimagine our cities has never been more urgent.

As cities grapple with cascading socio-ecological challenges and burgeoning, more vulnerable populations, architects, landscape designers, and urban planners play a pivotal role in shaping resilient and sustainable urban landscapes. The 2023 Sustainability Workshop aims to empower students with innovative ideas and practical solutions to create cities that flourish, balancing human needs within the natural world.

Through interactive sessions, insightful discussions, and hands-on design exercises, we will explore cutting-edge strategies encompassing (for example) renewable energy, green infrastructure, nature-based solutions, rewilding, carbon neutrality and drawdown, waste elimination, circular economies, sustainable transportation, social equity, indigenous reconciliation, and community engagement.

Grants will cover all transportation and accommodation related to the week-long event in Madrid, Spain. Scholars will engage with an interdisciplinary Academic Body formed by mentors ranging from industry professionals to academics.

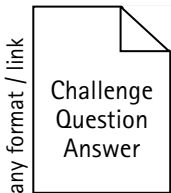
The NFF now welcomes submissions to select the participants of the Sustainability Workshop 2023.



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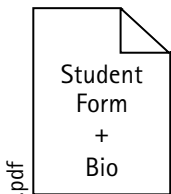
## How to Apply:



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

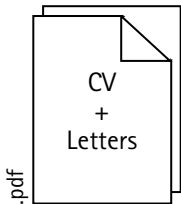
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Applicants must provide an answer to the challenge (above) in their submission using any single format they wish but which is limited to not more than one original human-generated drawing or photo-collage, a 2 minute video or audio recording, or 500 words of text. Applicants must attest that the work is their own original creation. Creativity will be expected and prioritised.



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

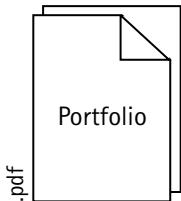
Fill in your details within the provided Student Form PDF including a short biography (80–100 words) emphasising your background as it relates to the Sustainability Workshop.



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

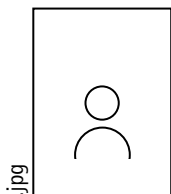
Submit a digital copy of your CV (DIN-A4 format)

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 Sustainability 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 Sustainability Workshop 2023 - NAME SURNAME, UNIVERSITY, COUNTRY'

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#### 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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