

The Mark Turnbull Travel Award for Graduate Landscape Architects

Learn from a world perspective to influence in Scotland

Using overseas travel to gain an insight into best and innovative landscape practice to address some of the current landscape challenges facing Scotland. This award will benefit future generations of graduate landscape architects in Scotland as well as the practice of landscape architecture by bringing overseas experience and knowledge back to the country.

Mark Turnbull and his Learning from Travel

Mark Turnbull was one of the country's most eminent Landscape Architects, winner of the Landscape Institute's Gold Medal Award and recognised for the contribution that overseas learning and experience from his training and work in the USA brought to his practice in Scotland

Mark was hugely inspired by travel and his trips abroad had a fundamental influence on the projects he designed. At the start of his career Mark was awarded the Andrew Grant Travel Award while studying architecture at the University of Edinburgh. The award afforded him the opportunity to travel extensively in Greece, he was specifically interested in church design which went on to inform his graduate thesis but the experience had an enormous impact on his future trajectory. Following his travels around Greece as part of the award Mark returned to the country several times visiting wider types of architectural projects and public spaces as his disciplinary focus shifted from architecture to landscape.

The opportunity to travel that the award afforded not only fed Mark's understanding of architecture and landscape but also bolstered his confidence to travel and seek wider opportunities further afield. He quickly enrolled at a university in America to study a Masters in Landscape Architecture under the highly influential Ian McHarg at the University of Pennsylvania.

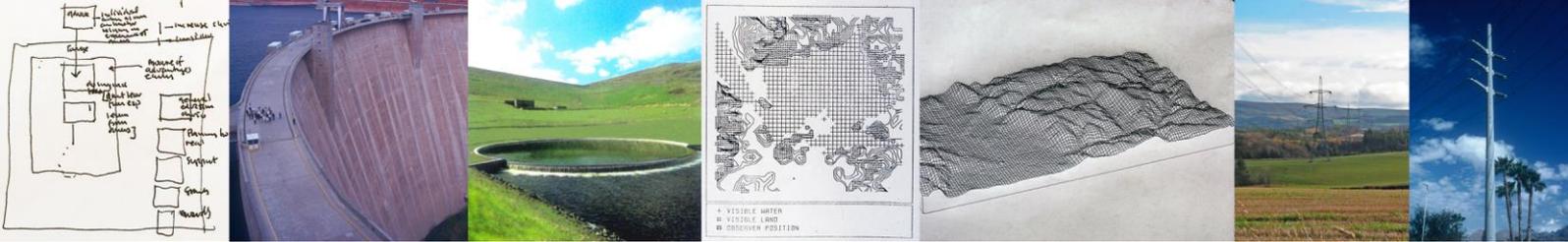
During his time with McHarg Mark traveled extensively in America, firstly as part of the required study trips of the course but quickly followed by his interest in the American buildings of architects he had studied while at Edinburgh from Lou Kahn to Richard Neutra and Frank Lloyd Wright. Yet again his experience of travel and the vastness of the American landscape shifted his attention from architecture to landscape, he retained throughout his career a huge slide collection that documented this interest.

Following his formal studies travel continued to have a central role in Mark's search for inspiration. He traveled extensively, occasionally returning to Greece and America between his wider trips around the world. But those early experiences continued to inform his practice and formed the basis of many of the lectures he would give at Heriot Watt University and at various universities across America.

1. Grant Award

The total value of the award is **up to** a maximum of £5,000 which will be allocated to one successful applicant depending on the assessment of submissions.

In June 2018 Dr **Amber Roberts** won the inaugural Mark Turnbull Travel Award with her submission entitled **Scotland's Future Landscapes: Ensuring Resilience for the Profession - Design for an Ageing Population** and **Strengthening Scottish Landscape Education**. Amber's report can be viewed [here](#).



2. Project Guidance

The Award is open to landscape architects qualified to graduate or post graduate level. It is not open to students.

The subject of the applicant's proposal must relate to the field of landscape architecture and demonstrate the requirement to travel abroad for innovative ideas that will bring benefit to the landscape profession in Scotland. Multiple trips and shorter travel plans are acceptable for those who are unable to take extended period of leave provided the proposal fits the award criteria.

Please note that there are projects that cannot be funded.

Projects that will not be considered are:-

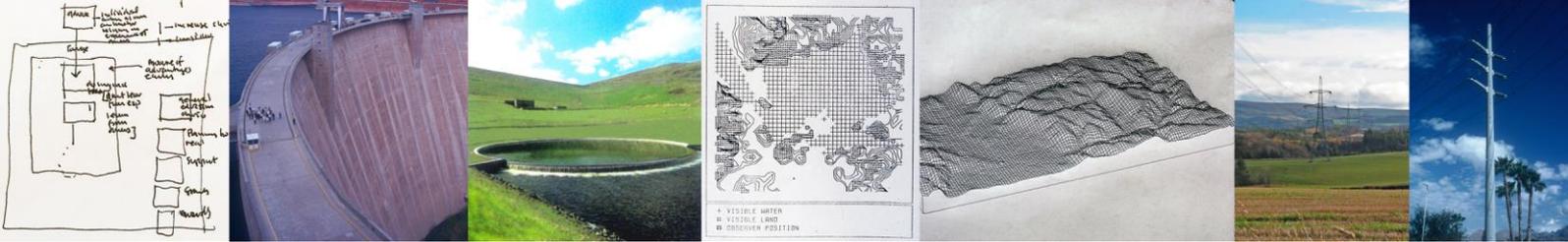
- Those which only benefit the individual and show no potential for wider benefit.
- Joint projects, teams or team members - we will only fund one individual.
- Those already in receipt of funding.
- Academic studies except research projects.

3. Requirements for Award

- a. The Award is open to landscape architects qualified to graduate or post graduate level.
- a. You must be eligible to live or work in the UK for the next 2 years.
- b. The Award will only be granted for travel and learning overseas.
- c. Applicants must be a member of the Landscape Institute.
- d. Two referees should be provided.
- e. The applicant must demonstrate in their proposal:-
 - that the project is original;
 - the project has relevance and benefit to the field of landscape architecture;
 - that they are passionate about what they do and are keen to share that to inspire others; and
 - how ideas learnt could be put into practice in Scotland.
- f. The applicant's proposal must be well researched and include a plan of travel, budget costs, meetings / interviews and final report that can all be delivered within the grant timetable.
- g. Information should be provided on any self-funded elements of the proposal.
- h. The successful applicant must:-
 - agree to be interviewed pre and post travel if requested by the LIS.
 - produce a written report of their experience on return to Scotland which should include a photographic / drawing / video / blog record of what has been learnt as well as how and where this information can benefit the practice of landscape architecture in Scotland. The report will be made available on line through the LIS website to members of the profession.
 - Make a presentation to the LIS Membership on their return as a 'reflections' of their experience, what they learnt, for the benefit of LIS members at the AGM on 29 April 2020.
- i. All proposed travel must be complete by 18 March 2020 and the final report lodged with the Landscape Institute Scotland by 17 April 2020.

4. How to apply

- a. Submit an application form by email to mail.scotland@landscapeinstitute.org. The online application form is your opportunity to tell us more about you and your project.
- b. Application forms must be submitted by the 22 June 2019



5. Assessment Criteria and Panel

The assessment criteria used by the panel will include the following:-

- a. The application form has been completed in full.
- b. The proposal must demonstrate a clear motivation to improve the profession or practice through experience gained in another country and how that insight will contribute to ongoing landscape practice in Scotland.
- c. All elements set out in item 2. 'Project Guidance' and Item 3. 'Requirements for Award' have been understood and met.
- d. The grant will be awarded on the individual merits of a proposal.
- e. The Panel will select one applicant who best demonstrate the requirements for the Award.
- f. The Panel reserves the right not to allocate any Award if none of the applications are deemed suitable.
- g. There may be an interview process following the review of referees.
- h. The Panel will consist of the Chair of the Landscape Institute Scotland, a leading practitioner in Scotland who has also brought back experience from abroad and Sharon Turnbull.
- i. The Panel's decision will be final. We will not be able to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.

6. Timeline for Award and Project Completion

Award Announced	AGM 24 April 2019
Award Open for Applications	30 April 2019
Award Closes for Applications	22 June 2019
Assessment Panel Reviews and selects preferred applicant/s	25 June - 6 July 2019
Applicant notified and referees contacted	w/c 8 July 2019
Interview if required	w/c 8 July 2019
Applicant provides all details of trip/costings	w/c 5 August 2019
Announcement and award made	w/c 5 August 2019
Period of overseas project visit	Aug 2019 –Mid March 2020
Final Report Deadline	17 April 2020
Presentation at AGM 2020	29 April 2020

7. Award process

The grant will be awarded in three stages:-

- a. 70% will be paid on final confirmation of costed programme including meetings / interviews set up and all travel and accommodation bookings. Proof of bookings and expenditure through receipts will be required
- b. 15% on return of travel with proof through receipts of any further travel expenses and on completion of final written report that is in a suitable format and standard for publication and conforms with the requirements of Section 3 (h)
- c. 15% following on from a presentation to LIS membership at the AGM.

8. Funding Conditions: We will fund for the applicant: -

- Economy return flights to the UK.
- Internal travel in your destination countries.
- Food and accommodation for the duration of your travels.
- The applicant can also provide a list of other costs they consider necessary for the completion of the project with justification that will be considered by the Panel for funding.