



Call for Proposals: 2022 MILKA BLIZNAKOV RESEARCH PRIZE

Deadline for receipt of proposals: **June 15, 2022**

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, will help fill the current void in historical knowledge about women's professional achievements. The archive encourages such research in addition to the goal of preserving archival materials 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** following a two-stage process:

#### **STAGE ONE: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

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 and expand 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 university community and the general public.
3. Intended product of the research, a copy of which is to be donated to the archive upon review and 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 documenting the activities and work of the residency (may be self-published)
  - Notebook or sketchbook produced during the residency

A 500-word proposal, together with a maximum of 5 related images and a curriculum vitae of the applicant must be received by **June 15, 2022**.

The proposal should be submitted electronically as a PDF with the subject heading: **2022 Milka Bliznakov Research Prize**.

## STAGE TWO:

The IAWA Jury awards the **2022 Milka Bliznakov Research Prize** for the research proposal that best demonstrates an important advancement to the recognition of women's contributions to architecture and the related design fields while encouraging the use and growth of the International Archive of Women in Architecture. The winner will be announced by **June 30, 2022**.

The project will undergo a peer review process to assert the quality and standing of the final work. The work must be completed by **February 28, 2023**. The final product will become a part of the Archive to contribute to the historical record, and will be presented at the **2023 IAWA Symposium**.

The prize money will be awarded in two installments: **\$1500** will be made available to the recipient upon arrival at the IAWA for the residency period, and the final portion, **\$3,500** will be paid upon receipt of the final product. If further information is required, please contact Professor Donna Dunay at: [iawacenter@vt.edu](mailto:iawacenter@vt.edu)

Proposals should be emailed to:

IAWA Center Executive Committee  
ATTN: Donna Dunay, FAIA  
Chair, International Archive of Women in Architecture  
School of Architecture + Design  
1325 Perry Street  
201 Cowgill Hall (0205)  
Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA 24061  
[iawacenter@vt.edu](mailto:iawacenter@vt.edu)