

## EXCHANGE STUDENT EVALUATION REPORT

Dear Grant Recipient:

The Scan|Design Foundation requests that fellowship / scholarship recipients submit an evaluation report concerning their experiences and the services provided by the institutions that manage grant programs funded by the Scan Design Foundation. This report has a dual purpose: to help us to evaluate our current programs and to help us inform and orient grant seekers who will be future recipients. We ask you to reflect on your experiences in the US or Denmark. Advice or comments on other topics are also welcome.

Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate your time and effort.

### EVALUATION OUTLINE:

#### Instructions:

- It is not necessary to answer every question
- Use this form and fill-in your answers.
- Send a copy to:  
[Admin@scandesignfoundation.org](mailto:Admin@scandesignfoundation.org) and to your University

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**Institution where you studied:** Intern - Henning Larsen Architects

**Term(s) of participation:** January – June 2014

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#### 1. WHY AND WHERE:

- a. Why did you decide to study in the US or Denmark as an exchange student? To be part of a rich design culture in an exciting and progressive city
- b. Why did you select the program/University? -
- c. What were your expectations? To learn how a successful international practice operates while making strong connections with people from all over the world
- d. What preparations did you make prior to departure? Housing
- e. How could you improve your preparations? I could have taken care of visa and cpr paperwork earlier

#### 2. ARRIVAL/ON-SITE ORIENTATION:

- a. Please recommend accommodations for future students upon arrival. Had no orientation
- b. Please comment on the orientation and activities offered at both your home University and the host University, what did it cover and how did it help you adapt? -

#### 2. ACADEMICS:

- a. Please evaluate the instruction you received. Compare the following to your home institution's system:
  - class registration -
  - classroom structure -
  - instruction -

- teacher/student relations -
- grading/exams -
- administration -
- library, computer, and classroom facilities-

- b. Please evaluate the quality and content of instruction. -
- c. In general, what did you like best and least about the academics? -
- d. Are there any courses or instructors you would recommend to future students? -

### 3. HOUSING:

- a. How would you assess the housing arrangements? **Very hard to find housing in Copenhagen**
- b. How did you locate your housing? **Provided by company**

### 4. EXCHANGE SITE:

In general, please describe your impressions of the host University campus and its location and surrounding community. **The office was located centrally in the city and close to a wide variety of social opportunities**

### 5. HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Please describe any health or safety concerns (e.g., quality of medical facilities, unsafe districts, theft, etc.) associated with your study. **Very safe city. Never felt uncomfortable.**

### 6. CULTURAL ASPECTS:

- a. How did you integrate into the host country culture and meet members of the community? (e.g., mentors, clubs, sports, extracurricular activities, pubs, etc.) **Social activities at work and networking through new friends and roommates.**
- b. Describe cultural differences and challenges you encountered and how you addressed them. (e.g., gender issues, social etiquette, stereotypes, etc.) **They don't understand Americans and their obsession for Mexican food.**

### 7. FINANCIAL:

- a. Please describe how the Scan|Design Foundation fellowship assisted you / made a difference in your decision to study abroad. **Scan|Design provided a great opportunity to comfortably experience this amazing country. The long list of successful experiences and the well established connections in both countries created a strong network to be associated with.**
- b. What is the best way to access/transfer money? **I never had to transfer money. The money I earned from working was what I used for small daily expenses and kept it separate in my local account.**
- c. How much spending money do you recommend per month? Please include rent, food, transportation, etc. **\$1000/month**
- d. Please comment on the relative "cost of living" between your home University and the host University. **Very similar to Seattle.**

### 8. EXCHANGE/SCAN|DESIGN FELLOWSHIP ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Please comment on the assistance and activities by the Scan|Design Fellowship coordinator before your departure, upon arrival, and during your stay. What worked and what could be improved or changed? **Always available to answer questions or meet in person.**
- b. Please evaluate services and effectiveness of the University administrative offices. **Very helpful with coordinating the academic part of the program (credits, financial aid, etc.)**

**9. PROGRAM/STUDENT TYPE:**

Please describe the type of student for whom this exchange is best suited and what advice would you give to future students. **Outgoing and independent. Someone with the ability to make new friends and try new things.**

**10. OVERALL EXPERIENCE:**

- a. How would you rate the quality of the overall experience? **It has been a life changing experience.**
- b. How realistic were your academic and personal expectations and how did the Scan|Design Fellowship Program make a difference? **I had always had an interest in working abroad. Scan|Design providing me the support to pursue this dream.**
- c. What did you consider to be the greatest benefit and challenge of studying abroad? **I believe the greatest benefit has been the people I have met and professional knowledge and connections I have made for the future.**

**FEEL FREE TO ADD OTHER COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE.**