About the 2011 Emerging Professionals Travel Scholarship Award

About Timber City
In April 2011, AIA Seattle, a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, announced its awarding of the 2011 Emerging Professionals Travel Scholarship to Joe Mayo Assoc. AIA for his proposal, "Timber City." Through this scholarship, Mayo researched the environmental and carbon impacts of wood construction, and its use in mid-rise and high-rise buildings in England, Norway, Germany and Austria, using his findings to make recommendations for to better harness the carbon mitigation benefits of wood construction in Washington. He received $5,000 to complete his proposed travel and research and is currently exhibiting his research and findings at AIA Seattle’s public design gallery March 20-April 27, open Tues-Thursday, 10am-5pm at 1911 First Avenue, Seattle.

About Joe Mayo
Joe Mayo has been a staff member at Mahlum, a Seattle-based architecture firm, for the past three years. He specializes in graphics development and digital support, focusing primarily on Mahlum’s student housing projects. A LEED Accredited Professional, Mayo supports design efforts with daylighting studies, climatic analysis and LEED tracking, as well as research on environmental issues such as passive ventilation and alternative material selection. He is currently working on the West Campus Housing project, a 4-block mixed-use residential development for the University of Washington. Mayo holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington and a Master of Architecture from the University of Oregon. Before joining Mahlum, Mayo was an AmeriCorps Service volunteer working in environmental restoration and also building homes for low-income families. These issues of socially conscience and environmentally responsible architecture are important to Mayo and inform his professional practice.

Mayo’s honor will be announced at the AIA Seattle Honors Dinner held June 16.

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Now in its third year, the AIA Seattle Emerging Professionals Travel Scholarship expands the experience and opportunities of young professionals, encourages cross-cultural dialogue in the profession, and shares knowledge from architecture practice around the globe with members in Puget Sound. AIA Seattle Members or Associate Members who have graduated from an accredited architecture program within the last seven years are eligible to apply for the scholarship. It is funded by contributions by Seattle-area Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (FAIAs) and AIA members. For more information, visit www.aiaseattle.org/node/5524

Previous winners of this scholarship are 2009’s Cristina Bump (seawall design) and 2010’s Daniel Toole (urban alleys). The 2012 winner, Sarah Snider, will be studying family-friendly urban living design and policy.