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## SCI-Arc Announces Fung and Hodgetts Scholarship for Underrepresented Groups



Left to right: Craig Hodgetts and Hsinming Fung

**Los Angeles, CA (February 8, 2021)** –SCI-Arc is proud to announce the establishment of its Hsinming Fung and Craig Hodgetts Scholarship, the school’s first endowed scholarship awarded annually to students from groups underrepresented in the field of architecture, specifically those that are Black/African American, Latin American/Latinx, Indigenous, Asian American, first- or second-generation immigrant, DACA, LGBTQIA+, and individuals with disabilities, to fund their education at SCI-Arc. In concert with the SCI-Arc’s [increased efforts to promote equity and inclusion in the discipline](#), the school additionally announced the establishment of a non-endowed [Equity and Inclusion Scholarship Fund](#) in late 2020. The Fung and Hodgetts Scholarship will be available for applicants starting fall 2021.

Fung, AIA and Hodgetts, AIA are founding principals of architecture firm Hodgetts + Fung, who since 1984 have served as a studio with expertise in the design of unique places for learning, cultural events, and civic functions. Fung, also faculty at SCI-Arc for 30+ years, along with Hodgetts created the Hsinming Fung and Craig Hodgetts Thesis Award for best postgraduate Thesis project at SCI-Arc.

Of their mission in creating the new scholarship, Fung explained, “It is an uncomfortable fact that the participation of underrepresented groups in the profession of architecture has been deficient. We are hopeful that this scholarship would help to change that trend.”

"All of us at SCI-Arc are grateful to Ming Fung and Craig Hodgetts for their generosity and longstanding commitment to our students," commented SCI-Arc Director and CEO Hernán Díaz Alonso. "Resources like the Fung and Hodgetts Scholarship help SCI-Arc strive harder to attract and support young people from underrepresented groups to pursue an education in architecture and design."

SCI-Arc is actively pursuing establishing similar endowed funds—interested parties can contact SCI-Arc Chief Advancement Officer Kate O’Neal for more information.

#### **About SCI-Arc**

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) is dedicated to educating architects who will imagine and shape the future. It is an independent, accredited degree-granting institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture. Located in a quarter-mile-long former freight depot in the Arts District in downtown Los Angeles, the school is distinguished by its vibrant studio culture and emphasis on process. SCI-Arc’s approximately 500 students and 80 faculty members, most of whom are practicing architects, work together to reexamine assumptions, create, explore, and test the limits of architecture. SCI-Arc faculty and leadership have garnered more than 500 national and international design awards and recognitions, including Progressive Architecture awards, American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards, and the prestigious Jencks and Pritzker architecture prizes. In *DesignIntelligence*’s 2019 US survey, SCI-Arc ranked #2 in Design Technologies, #3 Most Hired From, and was top ten among the nation’s Most Admired Undergraduate Programs in Architecture. SCI-Arc is located at 960 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. [www.sciarc.edu](http://www.sciarc.edu)