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An Open Call for ACCHK 2025 Grant Applications

ACCHK invites interest in cultural exchange fellowships within Asia and the U.S. for artists, scholars, and arts professionals.

ACCHK will soon be accepting applications for 2025 fellowships. We welcome proposals from residents of Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China.

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LIVE INFO SESSION

WITH

SHINNIE KIM

ACCNY DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

AUGUST 13, 2024

8-9pm, HKT

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(with some Chinese translation) on Zoom.

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ACCHK-Young Architect Awardee Lam Lai Shun on American Housing Typologies and Creating Communities

Lam Lai Shun (ACC 2023), an ACCHK fellow as winner of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects Young Architect Award, recently completed his fellowship in the United States.

In his research, "Housing USA: A Survey of Housing Typologies across the Coasts," supported by the Hsin Chong – K.N. Godfrey Yeh Education Fund and ACCHK, Lam wanted to better appreciate the country's residential conditions, from both historical and contemporary perspectives.



"To me, cultural exchange is about empathy for how a community has come to be. The trip was largely introspective, as I built up my comprehension of American architecture and culture. It was in conversations with passers-by in Brooklyn, the couple sitting next to me on a flight to Chicago, a retired docent at an art museum in Scottsdale, or an Uber driver in New Canaan, that there was an exchange of polite dialogue about each other's countries or cities," Lam said.

For him, the experiences shaped his views both as an architect, and as an observer seeking to better understand the built environment.

Lam obtained a Master of Architecture (with Distinction) from The University of Hong Kong in 2013. He is currently Associate at Thomas Chow Architects Ltd., and is Chair of the Heritage and Conservation Committee at The Hong Kong Institute of Architects.

With a special personal interest in affordable housing, elderly communities, and heritage reuse, Lam visited a range of residential developments and neighborhoods across the U.S. He went to study examples public housing like Wentworth Gardens and Trumbull Park in Chicago, Illinois, and William Mead Homes and Ramona Gardens in Los Angeles, California.

Throughout his fellowship, Lam was continually struck by the relationship between landscape and nature and the way that some structures were designed with the surrounding elements in mind.

For instance, the Optima Camelview Village in Scottsdale, Arizona, initially appeared as an imposing, megastructure. Yet, upon closer inspection, Lam found it to be an ingeniously designed network of open, shaded communal spaces tailored to the local climate's demands.



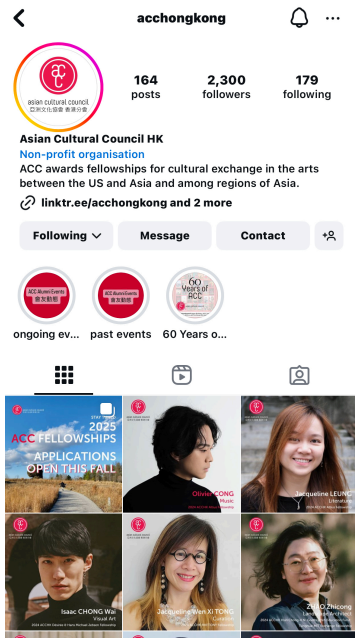
Communal spaces in Optima Camelview Village
Photo: Lam Lai Shun

Lam feels his fellowship has reframed his understanding of architecture as the intersection of art and science, requiring a balance between practical considerations and emotive elements.

He also came away with stronger insight on the issue of race, class, and politics in the urban

and architectural development in the U.S. by delving into the histories of some of the housing developments he visited.

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