



INFORMATION ABOUT THE GeM AWARD

The GeM Award has been created in memory of Gloria Trevisan and Marco Gottardi.

The award offers financial support for travel and accommodation costs and also provides:

- Practical and professional experiences in both architectural, structural and services engineering conservation practices, as well as Historic England, the Landmark Trust, the National Trust and other bodies involved in the conservation of historic buildings in the UK.

This will offer the opportunity to broaden the skills and experience of an outstanding young Italian graduate in architecture interested in conservation and be a lasting and fitting memorial to the lives and talents of Gloria Trevisan and Marco Gottardi, so tragically lost on the night of the 14th of June 2017 in the Grenfell Tower fire.

TRAINING

The training lasts from the beginning August to the end of October. The programme will vary every year depending on the interests of the selected Scholar, and on the opportunities offered.

ELEGIBILITY

The GeM Award is open to Graduates of architecture of IUAV who have submitted their dissertation in Conservation and Re-use and achieved a result of a minimum of 108/110. And to the Architect students at the school of Conservation of Venice.

Each potential candidate will be selected by a panel of professors from IUAV each year and a GeM panel will evaluate the works presented and will call selected candidates for a Team interview.

The successful candidates will receive a financial award to contribute to the travel and living costs.

For further information please contact us at:

gemaward@peregrine-bryant.co.uk

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Background



Gloria and Marco, young and talented graduate architects from Italy, came to London to find work and were delighted when they found an affordable flat on the 23rd floor of the Grenfell Tower.



Peregrine Bryant LLP had, shortly before the fire, offered a job to Gloria and she had started working with them. The practice were devastated by her death and that of Marco and mourn the loss of two fine young people whose work was indeed full of promise.

A number of Gloria's colleagues at Peregrine Bryant LLP [PBA] decided to try to establish a fund in their joint memories with the aim of providing an annual award for a promising recent graduate from their University in Venice, the IUAV, to extend their studies and experience in architectural conservation. This was the particular interest of both Gloria and Marco.

Year after year, from the grim horror of the disaster, we at PBA and many others are keen to bring to fruition some small good as a memorial fund in their name. The GeM Award will provide an annual scholarship to help a talented young Italian graduate to visit the United Kingdom for study and to gain experience in conservation.

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Funders



The GeM Award would not be possible without the support of the SPAB.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ANCIENT BUILDINGS has agreed that the aims of the Award accord with their charitable aims, and their Trustees also unanimously support the idea.

The GeM Award is supported by:

Peregrine Bryant Architects

The SPAB - <https://www.spab.org.uk/>

The Landmark Trust - <https://www.landmarktrust.org.uk/>

Historic England - <https://historicengland.org.uk/>

The National Trust - <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>

The Grenfell Gloria & Marco Love Foundation - <http://www.grenfellove.org>

The family of Gloria Trevisan

The family of Marco Gottardi

The GeM Award Trustees:

- One or more members or associates of Peregrine Bryant Architects
 - currently: Peregrine Bryant, Laura Morgante
- One or more members or officers of the SPAB
 - currently: Catharine Bull, Scholarship Organiser
- A member of one of the Trevisan or Gottardi families and/or their friends
 - currently: Andrea Brufatto
- a member of Venice in Peril
 - currently: Emma Bassett , Venice In Peril Fund CIO
- Clive Dawson, Managing Director at Hockley & Dawson
- Andrea Bucca, Finance manager of The GeM charity

Many organisations together with clients and friends of Peregrine Bryant Architects have made donations and bequests towards the GeM Award funds and without their help the GeM Award would not be possible.

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Notes for candidates



Eligibility

The GeM Award is open to graduates of architecture from IUAV that have submitted their dissertation in Conservation and Re-use and achieved a result of a minimum of 108/110.

It is opened also to architects that are undertaking the IUAV School of Specialization in Architectural and Landscape Heritage

The candidates will be shortlisted by the department of Department of Architecture and Art of IUAV and then interviewed by 3 members of the GeM award steering group.

Funding

The successful candidate will receive a non-taxable award in cash or bank transfer to cover the award related travel and living costs, in week instalments.

Candidates should note that the grant is a contribution towards the GeM Scholar's living and travelling expenses. It may not cover full expenses. To find out more about the financial implications of the programme it is essential to speak with the programme co-ordinator, Arch Laura Morgante

[laura@peregrine-bryant.co.uk]

Application process

The 3 to 4 candidates will be selected by a panel of professors from IUAV. The GeM panel will ask all candidates to complete an **application submission by the 2nd of May** that includes:

- A) an application form
- B) a brief personal description (max 2000 characters) of your thesis
- C) a pdf of your thesis
- D) a couple of your drawings if thesis has been discussed in group
- E) at least one handmade sketch

Candidates will be asked to show evidence of other interests, particularly of a practical or artistic nature. If the application are in excess of 5, the GeM panel will evaluate the works presented and will call 3 or 4 candidates for a Team interview.

The interviews will be held online on Thursday the 15th of May in the afternoon.

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The interview panel consists of 3 Trustees. The interview is an informal talk to establish the interests of the applicant together with the level of comprehension and communication in English.

Selection criteria

Principally the interviewers look for a candidate who:

- is enthusiastic about historic buildings
- is observant (and preferably has some ability to draw accurately)
- demonstrates adequate proficiency in English to maximise the benefits from the UK experience
- is willing to learn, ask questions, and discuss through different ideas
- has good social skills
- is reasonably fit (the programme is demanding both physically and mentally)

Accommodation

Accommodation in London will be provided for the scholar as part of the Award.

The working party will have camping facilities and GeM will provide camping equipments.

For the rest of the time the GeM Charity will help in finding an accommodation and the award will cover its costs.

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Supervision

The day to day running of the programme is the responsibility of the GeM Award co-ordinators, with whom the Scholar have regular contact in order to organise, discuss and provide feedback over past and future visits.

Within the PBA practice the Scholar can rely always on a friendly environment. For this year the mentors will be Architect Oliver Burgess and Architectural Assistant Catalina Stroe.

Overall control of the programme lies with the GeM Trustees.

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The Programme



The programme is maintained with a degree of flexibility in accordance with the opportunities raised.

The GeM scholarship 2025 programme will run for 6 to 8 weeks from the 7th of July to the 28th of August 2025

In line with the UK immigration rules, there will be an offer of:

- **30 working days of recreational study** that will be spent in the company of Conservation Architects, Engineers, Planners, Archaeologist, in their offices or following them during site visits.
- **30 working days of voluntary activities** that will be spent in SPAB working parties, or architectural work in conservation to support other charities projects.

The Scholar does not require a visa but l'ETA (document that can be requested online few days before travelling) a valid passport and a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that can be achieved with a proof of participation to the Scholarship

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Terms of acceptance



Before accepting an their GeM scholarship, candidates should be aware of the following requirements and confirm that they would be prepared to comply with them all upon accepting a GeM Award offer.

Attendance

The GeM Award Scholar is expected to attend all programmed activities unless unforeseen circumstances dictate otherwise. In these instances, they must notify GeM award & the planned host at the earliest possible opportunity and request permission for absence.

Failure to notify or not turn up at visits may result in a written warning and the pro rata forfeiture of The GeM Award bursary (in the region of £60/day).

The GeM must be notified, prior to your acceptance of the GeM Award offer, of all known commitments during the programme period.

Pre-existing commitments may incur the bursary forfeiture above.

Disciplinary procedures

The SPAB's Misconduct Guidelines have been adopted by the GeM Award. Whilst the GeM Scholar is not engaged by the SPAB she/he will be expected to abide by the spirit of these guidelines. Should behaviour (for example: lateness or poor timekeeping / swearing or abusive language / lack of application) be exhibited such that after a written warning further consultation is needed, then the GeM Scholar will be in jeopardy of losing his/her place on the programme.

Working

In relation with the restriction related to the departure of UK from the European Union. The GeM charity will not be responsible for any activities beyond the planned and described activities included in this year scholarship and described in the present information pack. No paid work whatsoever may be undertaken during the GeM programme period.

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Health & Safety

In relation with the restriction related to the departure of UK from the European Union. The GeM scholar has to bring:

- **Accepted UK ETA application** made on line
- Their passport, identity Card are not accepted anymore and
- a valid **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** with them.

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Further obligations

It is an expectation of the GeM Award that The Scholar will continue their involvement with the award after completion of the programme and it is a requirement that the GeM Scholar submits a bound extract of their notebook for retention in the GeM Award archive.

In addition to the above terms, by accepting a GeM Award offer the candidate agrees to the following obligations:

- to act politely and in a manner befitting a GeM Scholar at all times and to write a letter of thanks to each of their hosts,
- to keep a sketch book journal of their activities with notes in Italian and/or English, a selection of which she/he will copy and bind for the GeM archive by the end of the programme.
- to contribute to a GeM Award News page and PBA Twitter/Instagram
- to make a presentation to next year's applicants, to be held at the IUAV
- to give time, during and after the programme, towards promoting the GeM Award in the UK and Italy.

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Application form page 1 (closing date: 2nd of May 2025)



Please do not extend this form beyond the 3 page format.

Please handwrite this form if you can. However should this cause difficulties do not hesitate to contact us. Make sure that you read all notes in the GeM Award folder and contact the GeM via email gemaward@peregrine-bryant.co.uk if you have any queries about the programme or application process.

Surname

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First name

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Address

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Phone

Email

State what you can contribute to the programme and give any other information you think will assist your application

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Application form page 2 (closing date: 2nd of May 2025)



Give brief details of relevant hobbies/interests

Identify if there is a field of research or subject of interest that you would like to develop during your stay in the UK

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Application form page 3 (closing date: 2nd of May 2025)



Please give details of any disability you feel would prevent you from fully entering into the programme of which we should be aware. Please contact us to discuss how this may be overcome.

The GeM Award programme involves almost total commitment for almost three months, including many weekends away from home.

Are you able to make this commitment? Yes/No

I (print name) have read the GeM Award information notes and terms of acceptance and agree to the commitment required.

Signature Date

Return by the 2nd of May 2025 at 6pm (Italian time)

by email to gemaward@peregrine-bryant.co.uk