

UP student receives prestigious prize in Architecture

Craig Mitchell, a student in the Department of Architecture at the University of Pretoria, received one of three bursaries worth R50 000 each from the Carl and Emily Fuchs Foundation. Dr Riaan Els, CEO of the Carl and Emily Fuchs Foundation, announced the three recipients at a function in Durban in April 2014. The other bursary recipients were Laura Graham from the University of Cape Town and André Meyer from the University of the Free State.



→ From left: Bursary recipients André Meyer from the University of the Free State, Laura Graham from the University of Cape Town and Craig Mitchell from the University of Pretoria with Dr Riaan Els (CEO of the Carl and Emily Fuchs Foundation).

The competition was conceptualised by Prof Paul Kotze of the University of the Witwatersrand, who has been the convenor of the competition since its inception. Architects from practice and academia, each nominated by the eight schools of Architecture they represent, were adjudicated on their portfolios of undergraduate projects and enquiries, their full academic record and a 24-hour project.

This year, the project investigated the design opportunities that address the needs of foreign migrants at Warwick Triangle, a well-known market precinct and transport node at the edge of inner-city Durban.

In response to receiving the prize, Craig said: "The Department of Architecture attaches importance to the appropriateness of architectural intervention and formulating a response to a well-informed argument. This helped me significantly, as the focus of this year's Fuchs Competition was on

accommodating migrant workers moving into Warwick Junction. Part of the process was to develop a position statement as a group in reaction to the complexities of the site."

The Carl and Emily Fuchs Foundation is a private funder or grant-making organisation that mainly operates in South Africa. Dr Carl and Mrs Emily Fuchs established the Foundation on 1 August 1969, primarily as a result of the wealth created by the CJ Fuchs (Pty) Ltd Group of Companies they had established in 1929. Sadly, no children were born to them. The Foundation was further strengthened by the proceeds from their personal estates.

The University of Pretoria has another tie with the Foundation, as it established the Carl and Emily Fuchs Institute for Microelectronics (CEFIM) at the University in 1981.

CEFIM is a research centre of the Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering. 📍