



July 30, 2024

Yongqin Zhao
MS Arch, DT student

Dear Yongqin,

On behalf of the UW College of Built Environments, I am pleased to share that you have been selected to receive a fellowship through the College of Built Environments' Applied Research Consortium (ARC) for the 2024–2025 academic year. As an ARC fellow, you will have the unique opportunity to lead an applied research project with an ARC firm, explore current issues in the built environment, gain professional experience, and create research results that will lead to broad impact across the consortium and the industry.

Your ARC fellowship experience will include:

- A paid internship at a consortium member firm for 15 hours per week, during which you will take the lead on an applied research project
- A quarterly stipend and other benefits
- Required courses to support your research
- Participation in ARC consortium quarterly meetings

You will receive a stipend of \$3600/quarter (\$600 per pay period) for the quarters of the academic year (Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters) in which you are actively engaged in an ARC research project and working under the guidance of your faculty research advisor. Your stipend is also dependent upon you meeting the quarterly milestones and deliverables that are agreed upon in advance by you, your firm, and your faculty advisor.

Your Fellowship will begin Autumn quarter. Benefits include:

- An exemption from the non-resident portion of tuition fees (if applicable)
- Health insurance through the [Graduate Appointee Insurance Program](#) (GAIP)

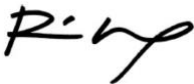
Please read the accompanying **ARC Fellowship Information and Requirements** letter for further details and helpful information, sign, and return to Teri Thomson Randall, Program Director, Community Engagement, at terir@uw.edu.

Please Note:

- Your fellowship requires that you be in good standing academically during the entire tenure of your fellowship.
- You must be enrolled in at least 10 credits for each quarter that you receive the stipend associated with your ARC fellowship during the Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters, and at least 2 credits during the Summer session. (Summer work on ARC research projects is optional and is negotiated between you and the firm.)
- Your course load must include the 3-credit independent study course (BE 600) associated with ARC during any quarter for which the stipend is awarded.

We eagerly await your confirmed acceptance of this fellowship. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. We are looking forward to an exciting fellowship experience with you.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Cheng', with a stylized, flowing script.

Renée Cheng
John and Rosalind Jacobi Family Endowed Dean, College of Built Environments
ARC Program Director