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## Call for Applications: 2018 Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in Architecture

### **\$150,000 in cash awards for young immigrant architects and building arts professionals**

**New York, NY, April 3, 2017** — The Vilcek Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2018 Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in the Arts and Humanities, this year awarded in the field of architecture and building arts. Three winners will each receive a \$50,000 unrestricted cash prize.

The Vilcek Foundation established the Creative Promise Prizes in 2009 as part of its mission to celebrate and support young emerging immigrant professionals who have demonstrated significant accomplishment early in their careers.

“The United States owes much of its built legacy to visionary immigrant architects and engineers,” says Marica Vilcek, vice chairman of the Vilcek Foundation. “With the 2018 Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise, we are pleased to recognize a new generation of leaders and creators in the building arts.”

Eligible applicants are professionals working in fields related to the built environment, including:

- Architecture
- Urban Planning
- Landscape Architecture
- Architectural Engineering
- Architecture Criticism

Applicants must have been born outside of the United States; be 38 years of age or younger; and hold a professional degree in architecture or in a field related to the built environment (license not required).

Candidates will be asked to submit an application form, curriculum vitae, portfolio of work, three short personal essays, and proof of immigration status. The application process is entirely online, and applications will be accepted from April 3 through May 31, 2017. The application and full eligibility requirements are available at [Vilcek.org](http://Vilcek.org).

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A panel of distinguished experts will evaluate each applicant's accomplishments, including the quality and creativity of the work presented in the portfolio, clarity of personal and professional purpose, and potential for positive impact on the field and society at large. Three winners will be announced in February 2018 and honored at the foundation's annual awards gala in spring 2018.

The Vilcek Foundation is dedicated to honoring the contributions of foreign-born artists, scientists, and scholars to American society. In addition to bestowing the Creative Promise Prizes, the foundation also awards the prestigious \$100,000 Vilcek Prize, which was launched in 2006. The Vilcek Prize celebrates the lifetime achievements of leading figures in a wide array of fields within biomedical science and the arts, including theater, dance, film, music, fashion, and visual arts. Since launching the prizes, the foundation has awarded over \$3.5 million to 97 individuals from 45 different countries, including China, Colombia, Iran, Jordan, Ghana, Peru, and Turkey.

Both the Vilcek Prizes and the Creative Promise Prizes are awarded in the biomedical sciences and a rotating category of the arts each year. For information about the Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science, please visit [Vilcek.org](http://Vilcek.org).

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The Vilcek Foundation was established in 2000 by Jan and Marica Vilcek, immigrants from the former Czechoslovakia. The mission of the foundation, to honor the contributions of immigrants to the United States and to foster appreciation of the arts and sciences, was inspired by the couple's respective careers in biomedical science and art history, as well as their personal experiences and appreciation for the opportunities they received as newcomers to this country. The foundation awards annual prizes to prominent immigrant biomedical scientists and artists, sponsors cultural programs, and manages the Vilcek Foundation Art Collections.

To learn more about the Vilcek Foundation, please visit [Vilcek.org](http://Vilcek.org).