

HAVANA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION SUMMER SCHOOL

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announces the recipient of the

2019 TRAVELING GRANT FOR CUBAN ARCHITECTS

We are pleased to announce Alain León Pavón as the recipient of the 2019 Havana Heritage Foundation Traveling Grant for Cuban Architects. This is the third year that this award has been presented. The Prince's Foundation is a loyal co-partner in the grant program, and this year's announcement coincides with the historic royal visit of HRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall to Cuba to highlight the arts and historic preservation and restoration of the country.

James F. Friedlander, Founder and Chairman of the Havana Heritage Foundation, said, "In conjunction with the historic royal visit of HRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall in March and the landmark 500th birthday of Havana in November, we are so pleased to work in partnership with HRH Prince Charles to support the preservation of Cuba's remarkable capital through sponsoring the continuing education of talented young Cuban architects like Alain León Pavón."

Friedlander adds, "The Prince's Foundation Summer School program enables students to work alongside peers from around the world to apply current architectural techniques to 21st-century challenges. This opportunity will help Alain play a crucial role in the redevelopment and protection of Cuba's rich architectural heritage in the years ahead."

ALAIN LEÓN PAVÓN

GRANT:

Havana Heritage Foundation Traveling Grant for Cuban Architects

WORK:

Joined the architecture studio DAG Arquitectos as an intern in 2015 and, after graduating college in 2017, became a full-time employee. Most of his projects at the company deal with the architectural rehabilitation of buildings with patrimonial or historical value.



ALAIN LEÓN PAVÓN, the 2019 recipient of the Havana Heritage Foundation Traveling Grant for Cuban Architects

EDUCATION:

Architecture Graduate of Instituto Superior Politécnico José Antonio Echeverría (ISPJAE) / José Antonio Echeverría Institute of Technologies of the University of Havana.

HOME:

Resides in Havana.

Alain will spend the month of July in the United Kingdom including three weeks at The Prince's Foundation Summer School for Architects and Builders. There are approximately 30 participants in the Summer School, and they come from a multitude of countries. One week is spent in London followed by two weeks in Scotland based at the historic estate of Dumfries House. Alain will also have an additional seven days for exploration of London and the rich cultural scene of museums and architecture.

"I am the product of a rich cultural legacy here in Cuba," says Alain León. "Therefore, I am very passionate about the preservation and evolution of my home city. The current process of transformation in Havana is challenging, and there is still so much to do. As the recipient of the Havana Heritage Foundation Traveling Grant, I hope to gain further skills to maintain our city's heritage for future generations."

Past recipients of the Havana Heritage Foundation Traveling Grant include Ailyn Lázara Pentón Ansia (Fellow 2017), Daniel Muñoz Cedeño (Fellow 2017), and Joel Estévez González (The Alejandro Alonso Fellow 2018).

PARTNERS in the Traveling Grant Program:

- Havana Heritage Foundation (HHF) | www.HavanaHeritage.com
- The Prince's Foundation | www.Princes-Foundation.org
- Ludwig Foundation of Cuba | <http://aflfc.org/>
- INTBAU CUBA, a chapter of The International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture and Urbanism | www.INTBAU.org
- The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), which will help facilitate some of Alain's additional time in London. This will include an introduction and visit to the RIBA Collections (located at the RIBA and at the Victoria & Albert Museum), a visit to a school of architecture exhibition of student work, visiting a large architectural firm to see first-hand contemporary practices of such a firm, learning about the latest technologies being utilized, and meeting with other young architects. RIBA | www.architecture.com
- Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation, the originator of the Traveling Grant for Cuban Architects program in 2016/2017 in partnership with the Havana Heritage Foundation. In 2018, the Soane handed over the program to the Havana Heritage Foundation.

Havana Heritage Foundation is a New York based 501(c)3 non-profit with a mission to promote, preserve, protect, and restore the rich architectural and cultural heritage of Havana. James F. Friedlander, Founder and Chairman.

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