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**THE SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL FOUNDATION AWARDS TRAVELING  
FELLOWSHIP IN URBAN DESIGN**

**Philip Wilkinson, Jr. is the 2000 recipient**

CHICAGO, IL -- The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation announced today its 2000 Urban Design Traveling Fellow: Philip Wilkinson, Jr., a December May 2000 Urban Design graduate from Kent State University. The SOM Foundation awarded a \$7,500 fellowship to Wilkinson to complete his self-determined travel itinerary specifically designed to complement his college studies and professional interests.

The jury found it particularly difficult to choose a winner between Wilkinson and Andrew Ku, a 2000 Architecture and Urban Design graduate from Harvard University, given the high quality of each one's submission. Ultimately they chose to award Wilkinson the fellowship because of the marvelous fit between the purpose and goals of the fellowship, Philip's previous area of focus and his remarkable agenda for study which will allow him to explore the subject of cities by visiting Southeast Asia. Jurors were Craig Farnsworth, Senior Landscape Architect of Wolff Clements & Associates; Geoff Goldberg, Principal of Goldberg + Associates; John Syvertsen, President of OWP&P Architects; Ted Wolff, Principal of Wolff Clements & Associates; and Philip Enquist, Urban Design Partner of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP who also served as the Jury Chair.

The mission of the SOM Foundation Traveling Fellowship program is to assist young architects, engineers, and urban planners in expanding their professional education through the observations of foreign culture, history, building, and design that can only be achieved through travels. Prior Fellows have traveled to China, India, Japan, the Philippines, and Russia, as well as throughout Europe and the United States.

Since 1980, the SOM Foundation has awarded more than \$887,000 to 113 students, faculty and young professional engineers. The programs of the SOM Foundation are funded through an endowment established by the Partners of the architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. Established in 1936, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM) is the first two-time recipient of the prestigious American Institute of Architects Architecture Firm Award. Some of SOM's design projects include the Sears Tower (Chicago), John Hancock Center (Chicago), Lever House (New York), Bank of America World Headquarters (San Francisco) and the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Extension (Hong Kong). The Foundation's activities are wholly separate from those of the firm.

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