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

**Stefan Pellegrini is 2002 recipient**

CHICAGO, IL -- The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation announced today its 2002 Urban Design Traveling Fellow: Stefan Pellegrini, a December 2001 Urban Design graduate from the University of California at Berkeley. The SOM Foundation awarded a \$7,500 fellowship to Pellegrini to complete his self-determined travel itinerary specifically designed to complement his college studies and professional interests.

John Kriken, Urban Design Partner for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP San Francisco, chaired the 2002 Urban Design Jury. Joining Mr. Kriken on the jury were David Alumbaugh, Planning Manager of the San Francisco Department of Planning and John King, Urban Design writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The jury commented, "Stefan is very focused, thoughtful and confident in his urban design. He has an inquisitiveness to build upon and a sincere desire to explore urban design and apply what he discovers. He also has a feel as an urban designer for encompassing both the public policy side and the physical design outcome and possesses a particular clarity about his images and ideas to convey his thoughts."

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. Stefan will be traveling to the Mediterranean area.

The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Foundation acknowledges United Airlines for allowing the Foundation to be a part of its *Reach for the Skies* program. Because of United's generosity, the Foundation is better able to maintain its focus of giving to education for the improvement of society through enhanced environmental design.

With these awards, the SOM Foundation tops \$1,000,000 in educational awards given to students, faculty and 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 (SOM). Established in 1936, 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 Tower (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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