Q&A: UT School of Architecture Financial Gifts 2022

What is the announcement about financial gifts for students in the School of Architecture?
Jeff and Marla Gerber have made an incredibly generous donation to the School of Architecture to award a last-dollar scholarship to cover tuition and fees for each School of Architecture student in the fall 2022 first-year class and continue this financial support for those students each year of their five years in the school. This last-dollar scholarship pays the balance of tuition and fees that is not covered by the student’s other scholarships and awards from both private and public sources. The scholarship does not pay for personal expenses, books, room and board, or other education-related expenses. Students must meet and maintain certain criteria to be eligible for the support. In addition, the Gerbers will provide $3,746 to each incoming, first-year student in the School of Architecture during fall 2022 to pay for the computer and related technology required for students in the School of Architecture.

Are the scholarship and technology stipend only for Architecture students?
The scholarship is for students in the first-year class of the School of Architecture, beginning in fall 2022. The technology stipend is for students in the first-year class of the School of Architecture in fall 2022.

In 2023-2024, do the incoming first-year students get the scholarship and technology stipend?
No, the scholarship follows the first-year students who enter the School of Architecture in 2022-2023 through each of their five years in the school. The one-time technology stipend is for the fall 2022 incoming students in the School of Architecture.

Why aren’t students in other programs in the college included?
Jeff Gerber is a 1982 alumnus of the UT School of Architecture. He and his wife, Marla, were inspired to support his alma mater and help reduce the financial burden of students in the school.

Will other students get a similar gift from another donor in the future?
The College of Architecture and Design has an active fundraising program. We hope these generous gifts from the Gerbers will inspire others to make similar gifts to support more students.

If students transfer into the School of Architecture or change their majors to Architecture, do they get the scholarship or technology stipend?
The scholarship and technology stipend are for incoming fall 2022 first-year students in the School of Architecture. Each semester, students’ eligibility will be reviewed for continuation of the scholarship.