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Soane Medal Volunteer

About us:

Sir John Soane, the son of a bricklayer, became one of the most celebrated architects of his day. When he died in 1837, he left the home that he designed to the public. Today the museum fulfils his wish and presents his collection of art, sculptures, books and furniture as it was in 1837, so visitors can step back in time into his beautiful and unusual house.

Background on the Soane Medal:

The Soane Medal was established by Sir John Soane's Museum in 2017 and continues the mission of the museum's founder, the celebrated regency architect Sir John Soane, to encourage a better understanding of the central importance of architecture in culture and society.

The winner of the Soane Medal is selected annually by a panel of distinguished architects, critics and curators, led by former Trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum, Sir David Chipperfield. The recipient of the Medal writes and delivers a lecture, subsequently published by the Museum, at a special annual event in London. The recipient also receives a replica of the original gold medal presented to Sir John Soane by the 'Architects of England' in 1835.

The inaugural Soane Medal winner in 2017 was the Spanish architect, Rafael Moneo, while the fourth Soane Medal went to Bangladeshi architect Marina Tabassum in 2021.

In the words of Bruce Boucher, Director of the Soane Museum, "The Soane Medal is more than just celebration of the work of an important individual architect. It is an invitation to consider the role of the architect in society in a period of unparalleled environmental challenges to us all. The wise voices of Soane Medal winners are vital in understanding these challenges."

<https://www.soane.org/soane-medal>

What will the role involve?

We are looking for support in compiling dossiers on each of the shortlisted nominees to aid the judging process. This is a short-term project to be completed by March 2022 (exact date TBC) with work beginning in late January/early February.

The judging panel is as follows:

Bruce Boucher, Director, Soane Museum. Sir David Chipperfield, architect. Paul Goldberger, architecture critic. Owen Hopkins, architecture writer and curator. Farshid Moussavi, architect. Eric Parry, architect. Alice Rawsthorn, design critic and author. Oliver Wainwright, architecture critic. Thomas Weaver, architectural historian

Each judge is required to put forward two nominations. If the same candidate is nominated by more than one judge, it does not follow that a subsequent name can be submitted. Therefore, there will be a maximum of 18 nominations, but there may be fewer.

Judges will be asked to submit their nominations in January 2022. The judging panel will hold their initial meeting to discuss nominations for the 2022 Soane Medal in March 2022.

In order to assist the judges, we will provide a dossier on each nominee. Each dossier should contain the following information:

- Short profile of nominee
- Key professional achievements and projects completed
- Images of key projects
- Further reading (articles published by or about nominee with relevant links)

Each dossier should be approximately 500- 1000 words and consistent in layout.

Availability:

A complete set of dossiers will need to be submitted by (tbc). Depending on the number required, the research and compilation of dossiers is expected to take 3-5 working days. This work can be undertaken remotely.

We're looking for someone who is:

- Interested in contemporary architecture
- Interested in museums and galleries.
- A self-starter, comfortable working unsupervised after initial briefing
- Interested in research and writing. Ideally you will have some writing, proofreading and research experience
- Comfortable using computers for basic office tasks (Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel will be used regularly as part of this role)

What we will offer you:

This role will be supervised by and will be supervised by Fiona Smith, Public Programmes Manager and will help you to develop some key skills related to research and copywriting. We will also offer you:

- Training in project-specific areas
- A weekly newsletter from the Soane
- The opportunity to take part in talks and events as part of the Volunteer programme
- Reimbursement for out of pocket travel expenses up to a maximum of £12.50 per day.

How to apply

To apply please fill out the registration form and email it to pcronin@soane.org.uk or by post to Pete Cronin, Volunteer Manager, 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3BP.

The deadline for applications is Monday 10th January at 5pm.

We welcome applicants from all sections of the community and you don't need to have volunteered before. Following review of the applications we will hold informal discussions on Microsoft Teams which will include the Volunteer Manager and the Public Programmes Manager. We won't be able to offer informal discussions to everyone who applies but we will endeavour to provide feedback on applications if requested.

Please contact Pete Cronin if you have any questions about the role, if you have any access needs or if you would like the registration form in a different format.