

Houseology.com - the UK's first online interior design platform - today announced its latest addition to a growing range of online tools and facilities for the Digital Design Community. The introduction of Houseology's Interior Design Travel Scholarship looks to engage a student audience and offer those at UK design schools the unique and exciting opportunity of funded travel to inspiring destinations of their choosing.

The competition will award one student a £4,000 travel grant, the runner-up student will receive an internship at award-winning studio Occa-Design and a further 10 commended students will be awarded gift vouchers for the Houseology online store. Students will be able to upload their submissions to a personalised project page providing a platform to present their work and interests to a growing audience of over 2.5 million annual visitors including professional designers, brands and consumers.

Houseology.com (formerly Occa-Home) was built on CEO, Kate Mooney's, desire to open up her interior design studio to the digital world, making designer products and materials available to everyone, while sharing the knowledge and expertise of professional designers. The launch of the Interior Design Travel Scholarship provides an exciting new initiative for the company, connecting with design institutions and affording opportunity to a younger generation of future talent within the sphere of commerce and industry. The project gives students a platform to be part of a growing Houseology Community where different audiences within the world of design can begin dialogues to learn, collaborate and inspire.

"We feel it's really important to be able to give something back to the design community at its grassroots and believe we have an ethical responsibility to support upcoming generations of designers," says Kate. "We are delighted to be able to announce the inauguration of our annual Interior Design Travel Scholarship, developed in close collaboration with heads of department and students of some of the UK's most prestigious academic schools. In addition to providing travel funding for the winner of this award, we will also arrange meetings for the students with some of the world's most renowned interior suppliers and manufacturers, giving students invaluable experience and contacts within the interior design industry".

Students are invited to upload their portfolio work with research proposals and an approximated budget for the travel period at [Houseology.com/scholarship](https://www.houseology.com/scholarship). Following the submission period, a judging panel of industry, commerce, media and academic expertise will shortlist proposals and announce the winning projects. The top two students will then be invited to present their work and findings to the panel upon completion of their travel or internship.

Kate continues, "At Houseology, we've always been focused on creating collaborative solutions and an amazing community within the interior design world. The Interior Design Travel Scholarship is part of an exciting and innovative range of projects that we are delivering in the coming weeks to develop these intentions."