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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATE FOR AN EDWARD LANGLEY SCHOLARSHIP

(Edward Langley Scholarships are not available to undergraduate students)

TO THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

I, the undersigned, hereby propose the applicant named below as a candidate for an Edward Langley scholarship and grant.

I make this proposal with the full understanding that an Edward Langley scholarship and grant can be awarded only to one whose intention to make the profession of architecture his life endeavor is sincere, whose character and reputation command respect in his community, whose qualifications and achievements have demonstrated outstanding ability in his chosen work, whose need of the scholarship is genuine, and whose use of it will, in the opinion of The Investment Committee, increase his proficiency in the profession sufficiently to justify the award.

I have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ years, and believe he has all the essential qualifications to justify the award of the scholarship and grant to him for the purpose he desires.

I attach hereto a statement setting out in more detail the applicant's qualifications and evidences of his good character, outstanding ability, and his need and purpose. I certify that the persons whose names are subscribed thereto join me in this proposal.

Write in number of years.

Date March 11 1937

J. E. Schmitt  
Signature of Proposer.

330 West 42 St.  
Address of Proposer

STATISTICS

(To be filled in by Applicant)

1. My full name is Elisabeth Coit
2. My\* residence address is 333 East 58th St. New York City
3. Birthplace Winchester, Mass. Date of birth Sept. 7 1892

\* State whether office, residence, or school address.

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4. I am a citizen of **U.S. A.** I am **not** married.  
5. Father's birthplace **Brookfield, Mass** Mother's birthplace **Wellesley Hills, Mass**

6. I am engaged as\* **practicing architect**

\* State whether practicing architect, architectural draftsman, executive, etc., or a teacher or student.

7. I list below in chronological order my architectural experience, the periods thereof, and the names and addresses of my principal employers.

**Draftsman for Grosvenor Atterbury, 139 E 53, N.Y.C. 1919-23 - Special attention to group housing & experiments by Mr. Atterbury in pre-fabrication of bldg units. Study & Travel in Europe 1923-4 (Particularly housing & materials) Designer for Grosvenor Atterbury 1924-31 (half time job - own practice established during this period) Reg. Arch. N.Y. State - 1926 - Member A.I.A. 1929. Own practice 1931-37, mainly small country houses & community bldgs. Some work on apt. houses N.Y.C. Study of housing conditions in Europe, 1935**

Design & construction of economical modern dwellings in city & country

8. I state below my principal works and the particular branch of architecture in which I am most interested and in which I desire to develop my proficiency.  
\* 12 commissions in one small community near N.Y.C. 5 commissions, colony of professional people, N.H. Community & parish house, West Englewood N.J. Community house, Fort Montgomery N.Y. (Willoughby House Settlement) House at Poundridge N.Y. using modern materials. Consulting work, Consumers' Coop. Services (subsistence farm bldgs) Consulting work, Nat. Pub. Housing Conf. (low cost apts) House at Yorktown Heights N.Y. (Medel, Nat. Better Homes Comp.)

† Design, Construction, Writing, Teaching, etc.

9. I should like the scholarship and grant for the following purpose.  
**Research into methods of economical design & construction (single-family & apt. houses). Base, N.Y. City. Travel to sites of principal modern low-cost projects in Eastern U.S. (Private & govt.). Purpose: To evaluate from a practical basis the most economical practices of low cost dwellings both as to design & construction**

‡ State whether for study, research, or travel, and where. State specific purpose in detail.

10. To carry on above purpose for one year I estimate would require... \$ **2,000 - including travel**  
Amount of my own funds I could devote to such purpose..... \$ **500 (my reserve fund is very small)**  
Amount of grant I would need..... \$ **1,500**

11. My general and architectural education has been as follows:  
**Radcliffe College, 2 years, largely history & economics**  
**Boston School of Museum of Fine Arts, design**  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Architecture, B.S. 1919**  
**Travel & study in principal European countries, 1 1/2 years (see 7 above)**

Arch. work

published - 1930-37 in **Am. Arch, Penal Points, Arch Record, Am. Arch & Arch, N.Y. Herald-Tribune**

12. I certify that each and all of the foregoing statements are true and correct and that I am financially unable to carry on the purpose indicated above without the grant. I promise that if a scholarship is awarded to me I will use the grant therewith solely for the purpose indicated and that during the period for which the scholarship is awarded I will diligently apply myself to such purpose.

Witness: Helen McLeod Elisabeth Coit  
Signature of Applicant.

Date March 11 1937

## PROPOSER'S STATEMENT OF APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS

The proposer shall set out below in detail the applicant's qualifications and evidences of his good character, outstanding ability, and his purpose and need. Other architects or teachers may wish to join him in the proposal. They should subscribe their comments and their names to this statement.

As the most urgent and difficult question in the architect's field, housing appears well worthy of a study, carried on from the balanced viewpoint of thorough architectural understanding. Better and cheaper housing for the lower-income group particularly is a public necessity. Miss Coit's qualifications equip her in unusual degree to carry on such a study. Her interest and experience in the subject are supported by an excellent sense of costs and values, familiarity with housing problems and materials, and practical perception of construction. F. G. Schmitt

I consider Miss Coit to be an able architect, both as to design and the practical. This statement is based on my intimate knowledge of her work. She has collaborated with us on several of our projects when we desired fresh ideas to complement our own. Her main interest is the field of well designed, inexpensive dwellings in which field her experience has been.

She has knowledge of modern methods of construction and possesses the ability to cooperate with and

learn from colleagues and craftsmen.

She is capable of steady and conscientious work, tenacious of purpose and quick to grasp essentials.

She is an interesting and effective writer on housing, architecture and cognate subjects, and has had her work published in all the principal magazines.

Financially there is no question in my mind but that she needs this opportunity and I think her reports would be of great value to the profession.

It is a great pleasure to endorse Miss Coit  
Coneine White

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APPLICATION No LS 76

Dated February 28 1938

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as a candidate for an Edward Langley scholarship and grant.

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I have known the candidate for 10 years, and believe he has all the essential qualifications to justify the award of the scholarship and grant to him for the purpose he desires.

I attach hereto a statement setting out in more detail the candidate's qualifications and evidences of his good character, outstanding ability, and his need and purpose. The persons whose names are subscribed thereto join me in this proposal.

*Cornelius J. White*  
Signature of Proposer.

Date Feb 28 1938.

101 Park Ave. New York, N.Y.  
Address of Proposer

PROPOSAL MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 1938.

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Type in name of Candidate

Write in number of years.

*Dup*

*no*

*See scholarship files*

STATISTICS  
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- 4. My School Address is
- 5. My Birthplace Winchester, Mass.
- 6. Date of birth Sept. 7, 1892
- 7. Father's birthplace Brookfield, Mass
- 8. Mother's birthplace Wellesley, Mass.
- 9. I am a citizen of U.S.A.
- 10. I am not married.



EDUCATION  
(To be filled in by Candidate)

- 11. High and Preparatory Schools Attended
- | <i>Name of School</i>  | <i>Year of Graduation</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Winchester High School | 1909                      |

- 12. Colleges or Universities attended as Undergraduate
- | <i>Name of School</i>    | <i>City</i> | <i>Major Study</i> | <i>Year of Graduation</i> | <i>Degree</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Radcliffe College,       | Cambridge   | liberal arts       | 2 yrs, 1909               | -11           |
| Sch. Museum Fine Arts,   | Boston      | design             | 2 yrs, 1911               | -13           |
| Mass. Institute of Tech. | Boston      | architecture       | '19,                      | B.S.          |

- 13. Colleges or Universities attended as Post-Graduate
- | <i>Name of School</i> | <i>City</i> | <i>Major Study</i> | <i>Years</i> | <i>Degree</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Columbia University   | New York    | domestic arch      | 1922-3       |               |
| Univ of Paris         | Paris       | arch history       | 1923-4       |               |

ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE

State whether practicing architect, architectural draftsman, executive, etc., or a teacher or student.

- 14. I am engaged as\* practicing architect
- 15. I list below in chronological order my architectural experience, the periods thereof, and the names and addresses of my principal employers.  
Drafting and design with Robert Coit, A.I.A, of Boston and Grosvenor Atterbury, F.A.I.A., of New York from 1919 to 1931. Independent practice, 1931 to date.

- 16. I state below my principal works and the particular branch of architecture† in which I am most interested and in which I desire to develop my proficiency.

Mainly small country houses in New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Chief interest in Housing design and construction.  
USE OF GRANT

- 17. I should like the scholarship and grant for the following purpose,‡ to which I should like to devote a period of 9 months, beginning c. August, , 1938.

For continuation of the 1937-8 Langley Scholarship ; research into methods of economical design and construction of low cost dwellings as outlined in the attached program.

AMOUNT OF GRANT DESIRED

18. To carry on above purpose I estimate would require.....	\$ 1,000.00
Amount of my own funds I could devote to such purpose.....	\$ 500.00
Amount of grant I would need.....	\$ 500.00

- 19. I certify that each and all of the foregoing statements are true and correct and that I am financially unable to carry on the purpose indicated above without the grant. I promise that if a scholarship is awarded to me I will use the grant therewith solely for the purpose indicated and that during the period for which the scholarship is awarded I will diligently apply myself to such purpose.

Witness: Mary Lambert \_\_\_\_\_ Elisabeth Coit  
Signature of Candidate.

Date Feb 28 1938

(See Over)

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Memo to accompany application for renewal of  
Langley Scholarship

The objective of my study is to help ascertain to what extent and in what ways current and recent construction and equipment meet low cost housing needs; and what are some of the practices and equipment that have proved satisfactory.

Since receiving the grant of 1937-8 nearly four months ago I have

- (a) as exhaustively as possible covered current literature
- (b) visited rather more than half the projects proposed in my application, as well as many others, en route, making some forty in all - these chiefly in the Eastern and nearer Southern and Midwestern states.

Ordinarily I have first studied plans and other data available, then visited the project, thirdly, conferred or corresponded with architect, builder or sponsor, etc., as occasion required, on points not clear. This applies in part or entirely to (1) housing developments, mainly urban (2) some small developments or resettlement projects (3) prefabricated or semi-prefabricated houses which seemed promising.

To particularise: I am compiling for selected, typical comparable projects and developments data covering ( from the point of view of use and practicability):

1. Size (gross and net), construction type, and costs.
2. Details of building construction: foundation, wall, floor, partition, etc., etc.
3. Type of utilities: water heat, light, sewage and other disposal of waste.
4. Special facilities: garages, laundries, recreation, etc.
5. Special design considerations: cross ventilation, kitchen access, bed room access, number of each type of dwelling unit in project, number of units served per stair or elevator, etc.
6. For developments sufficiently long in use to permit of it, notes on serviceability of design and construction as evidenced by maintenance and management costs.
7. Verifying as occasion requires statements of much-publicised millenium-promising systems which have their existence chiefly on paper.



Without theorizing unduly on housing objectives I distinguish between shelter and housing acceptable to its users, and that determines for me minimum standards. How far these can be obtained without subsidy is a question. I should like to know, however, and in some degree to help ascertain what is the (perhaps not very great) design - and technological - advance necessary to give adequate housing at an acceptable price to a people which somehow manages to pay for the things it considers worth the price. I hope to help discover how far recent advance in these directions, as partially illustrated in one project or another, has tended toward bringing down costs for minimum requirements, at the same time making for permanence of value by flexibility for later modernization or other alteration, thus postponing obsolescence and deterioration, and thus, in turn, making for liquidity of investment and for mobility for the individual.

To complete this "years" work I should limit myself to making from data in hand and information now in process of assembling (particularly on my Midwest trip scheduled to begin next week) a selection of typical examples showing what conclusions as to cost-for-use I have been able to draw, and indicating frankly where and why I have been unable to draw conclusions.

Any report of this year's work must indicate that my base has necessarily been wider than I can at this time surmount with an adequate superstructure: due partly to the nature of the study (on aspects of which national organizations and government departments are occupied) and partly because I am not interested in limiting my study to what would make a good "term paper".

As far as I can judge, the amount of the present year's grant will about cover the year's field expenses: hotels, travel etc., while my own contribution of an equal sum defrays expenses of office compilations, coordination, correspondence, etc., and a modicum of bread and butter. The study is far from complete and these sums are budgeted over several months to come. The speed with which I can receive definite, authoritative information from responsible (and willing to be quoted) executives is unpredictable.

My program for work after completion of the 1937-38 study is naturally much in the nature of an extension of my present study, differing chiefly in:-

1. My intention (whether on a Langley Scholarship

or otherwise) to follow up towards a higher degree of conclusiveness many questions raised by this year's study.

2. (And principally) To prepare a much more detailed report with statistics, graphs and documentation, of my findings and those of others communicated to me in this connection.

3. To round out the study by inclusion of interesting trans-Mississippi examples, many of which I hope to have opportunity to view in connection with a Pacific coast trip I may have occasion to make some months hence.

While I have no illusions as to my discoveries' being epoch-making, startling, extensive or otherwise very considerable, I see nevertheless that there is ascertainable much useful information regarding practicability and serviceableness — or the reverse — of current low cost designs and systems. I believe it is possible to sift from much conflicting information published, from my own digging (or other's unpublished findings put at my disposal) information useful to the architect as distinct from those concerned with public versus private housing finance, with theories of social service or of relief work, or influenced by local, publicity, business or other professional interests.

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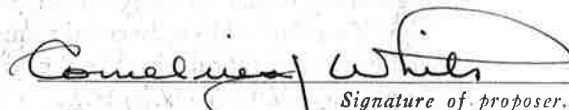
Miss Coit's professional work, both as designer for other architects and in her own practice, has been mainly connected with large scale and low cost housing, and the simplified, economical methods of building. One of her houses was given a medal in the National Better Homes Competition ('32). Her study abroad, aggregating nearly two years, has been largely concerned with European methods and results in housing. Articles on this study, and on her own buildings, have appeared in the professional and other journals. She has also acted as consultant for the National Public Housing Conference ( low cost apartment buildings) and for the Consumers' Cooperative Society ( proposed subsistence farm buildings).


My reason for proposing an extension of the Scholarship she now holds is that I am impressed by the useful and practical scope of her inquiry, which seems to me well worth developing beyond what a year's work would be benefited by publication in detail of the information she is enterprisingly and painstakingly compiling; and I hope that in some way it may be made possible for her to complete the larger program she is working on, rather than merely to write a summary of a study as yet far from complete.

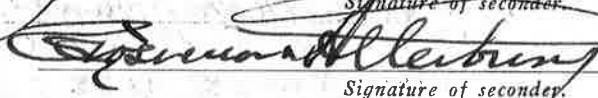
Leading professional men:

William Emerson, F.A.I.A., Dean of M.I.T. Arch. School  
F.E.Schmitt, A.S.M.E., etc., Editor, Engineering News-Record  
Ralph T. Walker, F.A.I.A., Editorial Advisor to Pencil Points  
Charles T. Main, A.S.M.E., etc., of Charles T. Main, Inc. Boston  
last year testified to the Investment Committee as to Miss Coit's abilities, zeal and character. I subscribe unreservedly to those opinions.

To carry the study to a point of maximum usefulness will require considerably more time ( largely for securing of authoritative information on a large number of different examples ); and it is beyond Miss Coit's means without outside assistance at this time adequately to complete the work she would like to present to the profession.

  
Signature of proposer.

  
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