

Yale School of Architecture launches Francis Kéré Scholarship

Named in honour of the Pritzker Prize-winning Burkinabe, the Yale School of Architecture has <u>launched the Francis Kéré Scholarship</u>, which aims to support the education of aspiring architects from Africa.



Burkina Faso's Francis Kéré, winner of the Pritzker Prize. Source: Astrid Eckert, OCBY-SA 3.0, Wikimedia Commons

"It is a tremendous honour to have this scholarship named after me," said Kéré. "There are so many aspiring African architects and with a Yale education they will be able to excel. I am the first African architect to be recognised with a Pritzker and, thanks to the Francis Kéré Scholarship, I hope there will be many more to come."

Kéré has been an active member of the Yale community as a visiting professor and lecturer. He taught advanced design studios as the William B. and Charlotte Shepherd Davenport visiting professor in 2019 and, more recently, the Louis I. Kahn visiting professor in 2022.

Empowering future leaders

"It is especially meaningful to be able to nurture new voices and new talents in the field of architecture," said Deborah Berke, Dean and J.M. Hoppin professor of architecture. "This gift ensures that anyone with the drive and the skills will be able to pursue the career they want. Our goal here at the Yale School of Architecture is to educate architects, scholars, teachers, and

leaders who will shape the future through design; this scholarship will empower future generations of leaders."

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