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[Undergraduate Research: Into the Woods and out to the World](#)

September 2, 2022 — What do ergonomics, equity, mycelium, the École des Beaux-Arts, e-holographies and esthetic ultrasonics have in common?

The answer: Faculty of Architecture researchers! – and Environmental Design students, whose work over the summer intersected with this remarkable range of

practical, playful and poetic topics as part of the University of Manitoba's Undergraduate Research Awards program.

Eleven Faculty of Architecture students earned Undergraduate Research Awards this summer. Valued at \$7,000 each, these awards enable students to work with researchers of their choice on projects that develop skills, drive discovery, and inspire future studies and career trajectories

| EXCERPT: AN INTERVIEW WITH ARPAN JEJI, ED3 – ARCHITECTURE |

Children's Book on Winnipeg Architecture

with [Dr. Rae St. Clair Bridgman](#)

Tell us about the research you have been doing this summer:

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to work with Rae on a children's book on Winnipeg architecture. This is an Illustrated alphabetical book, where each alphabet letter stands for a building/ park/monument in Winnipeg. My work was to look up stories, fun facts, and design characteristics of these buildings.

What have you found most intriguing?

The most intriguing part of this research opportunity was looking at these beautifully complex buildings from a child's perspective. Simplifying the information so that a 6-year-old could understand and foster interest in design at a very young age. As an international student, I learnt so many new things about Winnipeg and its architecture.

How is the experience opening ideas for future research, studies or career goals?

The understanding of architecture that I developed over the summer is invaluable. I also rediscovered my love for creative writing through this research. Upon finishing my education, I would love to consider a career in writing. My mind always steers towards architecture journalism, and I would love to explore more of it. There is so much beauty in writing about architecture!

How can we find out more?

The book is a work-in-progress, and we will just have to wait for it to be out!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am really excited about this book. It has something new to offer to everyone. You might think you know all about Winnipeg, but I can assure that you will be very surprised. I am looking forward to Rae's illustrations because they are going to be phenomenal!