

“Fundació Güell – Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation: Architecture Award” to promote the work of young architects in Catalonia

Grantee: Fundació Privada Güell
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The Fundació Güell is a Catalan non-profit institution, founded in 1957 by the testamentary wish of Juan Antonio Güell i López, with the aim of assisting new generations in making their way into the challenging world of art. From its foundation until the present day, the Güell family has worked with dedication to ensure that the foundational aims established by Juan Antonio Güell i López, one of the sons of Eusebi Güell (patron saint of the Sagrada Família and of the well-known architect Antoni Gaudí) are carried out in such a way that young artists from the Catalan regions could find a financial and institutional support.

Year after year, the foundation awards grants in the fields of visual arts and music to young artists born or resident in Catalonia, Valencia, or the Balearic Islands. The grants are awarded annually, during the fourth quarter of the year, in a public session at the headquarters of the Güell Foundation, where the grant holders present their projects orally and perform musical pieces. Since 2023, with the support of the **Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation – Delegació a Catalunya** (NaEPF) and the Sant Jordi Royal Catalan Academy of Fine Arts it has also been awarding an architecture prize: Fundació Güell - Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation Architecture Award, which has recently extended for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. The purpose of this award is to highlight the good architecture that has been, and is being produced in Catalonia, Valencia and the Balearic Islands, and to support young architects from Catalan-speaking regions who are entering the professional world. The prize wishes to emphasise the importance

of dialogue between architects and clients, both in public and private projects, and will therefore consider with special interest those proposals that make the most of the ecological and social values of the geographical and historical places in which they are located, that demonstrate their capacity to use new technologies and new scientific and artistic advances, that open up dialogues between the social and cultural history of the past and the present, or whose work, because it is located within the sphere of Catalonia, Valencia and the Balearic Islands, is of special interest.

The jury made up of three members, the president of the RACBASJ (currently Mr Josep Montañola), the director of the works of the Sagrada Família by Antoni Gaudí, Mr Jordi Fauli and Josep Montaner doctor architect professor of history of the architecture at the Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Barcelona, evaluated projects from different Catalan architecture schools. The winner will be awarded a €4,000.00 grant/scholarship. Beyond the economic scope of the award itself, the Güell Foundation will also support the three finalists by publicizing their work. For the following editions of this award - 2024, 2025, 2026 – Fundación Güell expects to receive yearly more than 30 scholarship applications from 8 universities.