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Tulane graduate awarded prestigious Luce Scholarship

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Tulane graduate Annie Peyton is currently in Thailand as part of the Luce Scholars program. (Photo provided)

Annie Peyton, a 2011 graduate of Tulane University, won a prestigious Luce Scholarship for 2016-2017. Peyton, who graduated with scholarly honors from Tulane's School of Architecture, is currently in Thailand where she is working with a small landscape architecture and urban design firm.

Peyton spent two months in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand going through a language immersion program. She then moved to Bangkok to work with LandProcess, a firm that designs landscape projects focused on the public realm. She also helped teach an undergraduate landscape architecture studio class at a university in Bangkok during the fall semester.

Before the Luce program, Peyton spent a year in Rwanda as a Global Health Corps fellow.

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“This international experience has been valuable to me as both a designer and a person. University classes were really just the beginning of my education,” Peyton says.

The Luce Scholars program was launched by the Henry Luce Foundation in 1974 to enhance the understanding of Asia among potential leaders in a variety of fields. Applicants require institutional endorsement and only 15-18 Scholars are placed each year. The program provides stipends, language training and individualized professional placement in Asia. It's unique among American-Asian exchanges in that it is intended for young leaders who have had limited experience of Asia and who might not otherwise have an opportunity in the normal course of their careers to come to know the continent.