

# LONDON SUMMER STUDIO 2026



From top: Study visit to Lambeth Palace Library; The Old Royal Naval College & The Queen's House, Greenwich; The King's Foundation Royal Drawing School studios at Trinity Buoy Wharf

## Overview

- 11-week, 12-credit summer design program
- May 25th to August 7th
- 8 weeks based in London and Europe
- 7-day guided study trip to Berlin & Dresden
- 5-day independent studio trip in Europe (guided trip curation according to your interests)
- 2-day guided walks in London\*
- Design project based in historic central London
- Multiple guided visits of historic and contemporary architecture
- Housing in historic central Greenwich in Greenwich University residential halls\*\*
- Riverside design studios at The King's Foundation, Trinity Buoy Wharf\*\*\*
- 6-credit design studio
- 3-credit design research course
- 3-credit net zero tectonics course

Taught by CUA Visiting Scholars Timothy Smith & Jonathan Taylor and Prof. Nathaniel Walker with contributions from London-based architects and educators.

## Exceptional study abroad opportunity

## CV-enhancing experience

Particularly suits graduate students and current juniors as credits count towards your graduate degree program

Fast-track your degree by 7 months and start earning a graduate wage sooner, or ease your credit load in future semesters

\* with additional guidance for what to see during evenings and weekends

\*\* Residential accommodation comprises private rooms with en-suite

bathrooms in shared apartments with kitchen and laundry facilities. Cutty Sark Hall is in central Greenwich, directly above Cutty Sark DLR station

\*\*\* an easy ride from Greenwich on the Docklands Light Railway

## How to apply

Apply on CUA Go Abroad website  
Applications close 3/31/2026 TBC



For further information email Timothy Smith at [lowrysmith@cua.edu](mailto:lowrysmith@cua.edu) or speak to Dr Nathaniel Walker on campus

The London Summer Studio 2026 is an exciting international opportunity for architecture students at Catholic University of America. The intensive 11-week program offers 12 credits of complimentary and coordinated courses centred around a Central London-based design studio project.

Students will study on expert guided tours in London, Berlin and Dresden and undertake independent, curated architectural travel in the UK or Europe. They will then be resident in the King's Foundation riverside studios in London while staying in historic Greenwich, in University Halls with private rooms and bathrooms and shared kitchens and laundry.

Lessons learned while traveling will ground a truly "London" architectural project with influences from far and wide. The program does not sit within any CUA concentration and is intentionally open in terms of architectural style and expression. It has a particular focus on the design of buildings as the testing ground for architectural ideas and on the synthesis of historical knowledge, tectonic and environmental understanding and the role of the building in the city.

### **Tuition**

Standard CUA tuition rates apply

Undergraduates can carry 6 credits into CUA's graduate program, saving on the cost of graduate studies at CUA

Undergraduates can use 3 credits in place of a senior year elective

### **Scholarships**

*Your Fall/Spring scholarship discount rates apply to the Summer semester*

### **Additional program costs**

Residential accommodation at Greenwich University halls of residence: \$3,361.00 at current exchange rate (£2,436.00) paid directly to CUA TBC \*

European travel, hotels/hostels in London (2 nights), Germany (7 nights) and Europe (5 nights – dependent on destination) and museum entrances out-of-pocket costs: \$1,500\*\*\*\*

Transport for London commute between halls and studios: \$190.00 (worst case at current exchange rate)

Estimated total: \$5,051.00

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Glasgow field trip and London walk to St Paul's Cathedral

### **Not included above**

- Meals
- Passport
- Airfare to and from Europe
- Additional independent field trips or excursions

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\*\*\*\* Exact costs TBC but budget for this amount.



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## Schedule

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|---------|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Week 1  | May 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Hybrid   | n/a                         |
| Week 2  | June 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Hybrid   | n/a                         |
| Week 3  | June 8 <sup>th</sup>   | June 8-9 <sup>th</sup> Guided tours in London<br>June 10-14 <sup>th</sup> Independent curated travel | Independently booked hotels |
| Week 4  | June 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Guided travel in Berlin and Dresden  | Independently booked hotels |
| Week 5  | June 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | King's Foundation studios  | Greenwich University halls  |
| Week 6  | June 29 <sup>th</sup>  | King's Foundation studios  | Greenwich University halls  |
| Week 7  | July 6 <sup>th</sup>   | King's Foundation studios  | Greenwich University halls  |
| Week 8  | July 13 <sup>th</sup>  | King's Foundation studios  | Greenwich University halls  |
| Week 9  | July 20 <sup>th</sup>  | King's Foundation studios  | Greenwich University halls  |
| Week 10 | July 27 <sup>th</sup>  | King's Foundation studios<br>Final jury  | Greenwich University halls  |
| Week 11 | August 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Hybrid<br>Final submission online  | n/a                         |