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Housing Gets a Boost

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The Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation has launched the Columbia GSAPP Housing Lab, a new interdisciplinary research initiative to encourage the design and development of innovative, sustainable, and affordable housing around the world.

The initiative is supported by a donation of more than $2 million from the IDC Foundation, which grew out of the now-closed Institute of Design and Construction, in Brooklyn. The gift will also fund a new endowed professorship — the IDC Foundation Professorship of Housing Design — and financial-aid and student-research programs.

The Housing Lab will be led by GSAPP dean Amale Andraos.

Hilary Sample, an architect who has helped oversee GSAPP’s housing-design curriculum since 2011, will be the inaugural recipient of the endowed professorship.



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