

EXTENDED VAI-SSRC DEADLINE: All materials must be received by 5:00 p.m., April 18, 2008

APPLICANT

Please complete the top portion of this form and provide it to your recommender. Van Alen Institute seeks letters of recommendation from professional or academic colleagues with knowledge of your work, qualifications and potential. You are encouraged to provide your recommender with a copy of your project proposal so that they can speak specifically to the work proposed at Van Alen Institute. Recommendations can be mailed with your application package or under separate cover, but must be received by the application deadline.

Name of Candidate _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Name of Recommender _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Project Title _____

RECOMMENDER

Thank you for providing a recommendation for the candidate indicated above for the Van Alen Institute New York Prize Fellowship. The fellowship program supports advanced research and experimental practices that explore, challenge and expand conventional definitions of public architecture. Fellows are based at the Institute, where they generate publicly accessible projects on the most significant issues shaping public life and the built environment today.

Up to five VAI Resident Fellowships and one Partnered Fellowship with the Social Science Research Council will be awarded for residency periods of three months in the Fall, Spring, or Summer of 2008-2009. Fellowship awards include project support, work and gallery space at the Institute, publication in *Public Practice*, stipend, and a range of project production, research, and programming resources. The Institute supports projects that provoke new ways of thinking about and making public architecture, that critically interrogate how and for whom spaces operate as public, and that imaginatively engage public audiences. Candidates may be early to mid-career practitioners and scholars from the design and planning disciplines, and other fields in the arts, humanities and sciences.

Fellows will be selected based on the following criteria: originality and strength of inquiry into issues and matters of concern for architecture in the public realm, critical and innovative engagement with a general public audience, ability to undertake and complete the work proposed, and project planning and feasibility. Your candid assessment of the candidate's work, qualifications and potential will be taken very seriously by the Fellowship Council during their deliberations. All recommendations will be kept confidential.

Please sign and date this form and attach your letter of recommendation. The form and letter can be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope signed across the back flap, or mailed directly to:

**Van Alen Institute
30 West 22nd Street, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10010
ATTN: Fellowship**

All recommendations must be received by 5:00 pm, April 18, 2008. For more information about the New York Prize Fellowship, please visit www.vanalen.org/nyprize, or contact Jessica Blaustein at 212 924 7000, ext. 11 or jblaustein@vanalen.org.

Signature _____

Name (please print) _____ Date _____