1. Application period

Applications can be submitted from 15 October 2024 until until 15 December 2024, 23:59 (CEWT).

2. Who can apply?

All faculties and departments for architecture at German and European colleges and universities, as well as non-profit organisations active in the sector.

3. What funding is available and from when does it start?

For the DesignBuild disciplines PROJECT and REFLECT, a total of 100,000 euros in funding is available in 2025.

Submitted projects should start from February 2025 or be ongoing during this period. The call for proposals will also be open from February 2025.

4. How and when will the winners be selected and the applicants be notified of the selection process?

The jury's decision will be made in January 2025. The applicants will then be notified.

The basic criteria for project evaluation are:
- Originality of the project
- Architectural quality
- Social and community relevance
- Intercultural exchange and internationality
- Cooperation and interdisciplinarity
- Impact of the project and its impact on the public
- Does the project think outside the box?

5. What should be included in the application?

- A <u>project description</u> including background, objectives, methodology, implementation, actors, other (maximum two A4 pages of text)
- A <u>financing overview</u>

The entire application (including images) should not exceed six to seven pages!

6. Are there any suggestions from previous funding programmes?

You can also find specific cross-project ideas and learnings on the DesignBuild approach in our free publication series DesignBuild REFLECT (https://sto-stiftung.de/designbuild-reflect). For more information on projects that the Sto Foundation has supported in the past, please visit our website: https://sto-stiftung.de/designbuild-project.

7. How can I apply?

Through the online application tool at >> www.sto-stiftung.de/designbuild
In principle, both the information and application documents may be amended, updated and saved online as often as required throughout the application period. **Please note, however**, that once an application is sent and submitted to the Foundation, it can no longer be altered.

Practical information

- In order to complete the online application successfully, please note the following points:
- The different sections of the application are listed in the menu on the left.
- All sections must be completed.
- Fields marked with a red asterisk are mandatory and must be completed.
- If you move your mouse over the yellow 'i' (info field), you will receive information on how to complete the field.
- You can save and complete your application in more than one session.
- When you have completed a section, tick the box next to 'Mark page as completed'. A green tick will appear next to the completed section in the menu on the left.
- Once all sections of the menu have a green tick, you can submit your application.
- Important: Once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to make any changes.

8. Are repeated applications allowed?

- Suitable applications are: Applications from institutions or departments in the field of architecture, regardless of whether they have already received funding at an earlier stage.
- Not permitted: multiple or repetitive applications for one and the same project proposal.
- Follow-up funding for further in-depth research on the topic in another volume or for further follow-up research on a project is in principle possible, but must be applied for separately.

9. Public Relations:

The Sto Foundation pursues an active public relations policy. It reports regularly on the projects it supports. The proactive involvement of the sponsored organisations and projects is expressly desired and is an important part of the cooperation with the Sto Foundation. To this end, the Foundation's communications department contacts the project managers and requests material.