

Arup and CM Solutions: A Capital Way to Reward Scholarship



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Shaping a better world since 1946, Arup succeeds by fostering a powerful combination of distinctive culture and intellectual independence that encourages collaboration. A legacy of founder Ove Arup, this creed informs every Arup project, allowing its more than 14,000 professionals to develop meaningful solutions and deliver results that frequently surpass client expectations. And they do this every day in 92 offices across more than 160 countries. And what is true globally is equally true locally.



Establishing its practice in Southern California in 1986, Arup fields more than 1,000 professionals in 11 offices in the Southland. Offering a comprehensive range of engineering consulting services, Arup provides a broad spectrum of expertise, including everything from planning and feasibility studies to detailed design and support services. Working with government at all levels, Arup also partners effectively with universities and colleges, non-profit foundations and cultural establishments, developers, and healthcare providers to contribute significantly to the ongoing improvement of life in Southern California.

The firm is also recognized for its active commitment and best practices in promoting gender equality. Last year, Arup became the first engineering consultancy to receive certification from Ernst & Young's *National Equality Standard* for its efforts in equality, after a rigorous and complex assessment that included analysis, staff interviews, site visits, documentation review, etc. In addition, Arup has been a stalwart supporter of WTS-LA and its mission to advance women in transportation.

Specializing in project controls since 2001, CM Solutions (CMS) helps contractors, owners, and agencies in the private and public sectors save time and money and avoid conflicts through proven construction management services, including cost engineering, scheduling, estimating, and claims resolution. Employing only the most exceptional project controls professionals, CMS helps with staff augmentation and consulting by providing the most experienced, professional, and knowledgeable project controls experts.

A certified small, woman-owned business, CMS builds client trust by endeavoring to understand each client's business and culture before each and every engagement. With that profound understanding, CMS creates an effective, harmonic, productive team that fosters greater control, higher profits, and peace of mind. CMS is also a strong supporter of WTS-LA and its mission to advance women in transportation.

Together this year, Arup and CM Solutions endowed a \$5,000 scholarship to help a graduate student further her transportation career. And this year, the 2019 WTS-LA \$5,000 Arup/CM Solutions Graduate Scholarship went to Arcadis associate vice president and WTS-LA treasurer Christi Fu, an MBA candidate at UCLA.