With grants from the Getty Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the art museum at the University of California, Santa Barbara is ready to begin the process of cataloging and digitizing its vast Architecture and Design Collection.

The University Art Museum received $250,000 from the Getty Foundation and $150,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through its Museums for America program. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal funding for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

"We are delighted that the Getty Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services recognize the need to extend the impact of these unique records," said Kathryn Kanjo, director of the University Art Museum. "By implementing standardized bibliographic descriptions—recently outlined and recommended by the Society of American Archivists—we will tap new audiences, extend scholarship, and preserve our holdings for future generations."

The University Art Museum's internationally recognized architectural archive includes over 750,000 original drawings as well as specifications, office correspondence, manuscript material, historic photographs, scrapbooks, sketchbooks, and three-dimensional objects. The collections represent the work of more than 350 designers from 1890 to the present.
UCSB's architecture and design collection ranks in size with the largest repositories of architectural records in the United States, including the Architecture, Design and Engineering Collection at the Library of Congress.

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