Stirling Properties establishes real estate scholarship fund

June 8, 2020

Stirling Properties has announced the establishment of the Maurin Ogden Tulane Real Estate Fund, a new academic scholarship opportunity for Tulane University graduate students pursuing degrees in real estate or related fields.

In partnership with Tulane University and ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) Foundation, the Maurin Ogden Tulane Real Estate Fund focuses on academic and professional development for graduate students enrolled in the A. B. Freeman School of Business and the Tulane School of Architecture. Underwritten by Jimmy Maurin (MBA ’72) and Roger Ogden (L ’72), founders of Stirling Properties, the new fund will distribute $10,000 a year for academic awards over the next 10 years.

As part of the fund, one $5,000 scholarship will be awarded each year to a candidate with a demonstrated interest in real estate in the Master of Business Administration,

Master of Management, Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development or MBA/Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development programs. The scholarship recipient will also receive ICSC Student Membership and participation in the ICSC Mentorship Program specifically designed for emerging real estate professionals who are seeking to develop their careers and build relationships in the commercial real estate industry.

In addition, five conference awards will be given annually for students, providing all-expense-paid attendance to ICSC RECon in Las Vegas, the world's largest retail real estate convention, offering the students valuable exposure to industry leaders and potential employers. The agreement also includes unlimited student memberships and up to three faculty memberships in the ICSC.

"The Maurin Ogden Tulane Real Estate Fund will make a huge impact on our students and help shape our programs by attracting the very best and brightest," said Ira Solomon, Freeman School dean. "Additionally, the funds to bring students to the ICSC annual conference will create valuable learning opportunities for our young business leaders as they interact with a variety of real estate professionals. I am excited about this partnership with the ICSC, a collaboration made possible through the generosity of Jimmy Maurin and Roger Ogden."

Working with the ICSC Foundation, Stirling Properties has been actively involved in leading efforts to help create and maintain a pipeline of diverse and robust talent for the future of the commercial real estate industry. The company established a similar scholarship program at LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where it has been instrumental in introducing students to academic and career placement opportunities over the past several years.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for us to invest in the future of our industry, while also supporting our local communities," said Maurin. "We are thankful for ICSC's partnership in helping us to expand this program to Tulane University students and build awareness for real estate among young people entering the job market. Our goal is to attract and develop the best and brightest talent pool for the commercial real estate industry—the next generation of leaders in our businesses."

"Thank you to Stirling Properties' founders, Jimmy Maurin and Roger Ogden, for their generosity and continued commitment to educational and professional development. The Maurin Ogden Tulane Real Estate Fund will create meaningful

opportunities for students to connect with industry professionals, access valuable educational resources, and participate in experiential learning. As a recent graduate of the Tulane MBA program, I know how impactful this scholarship and partnership will be, and I am proud to now help with these efforts," said John Woodard, Development Manager with Stirling Properties.

The Maurin Ogden Tulane Real Estate Fund is expected to be awarded this fall and will be established and administered by Tulane University according to its policies and procedures for non-endowed funds.