



What is capX?



In a nutshell: The California Architectural Practice Experience (capX), developed by the California Architectural Foundation (CAF), is a statewide program designed to expand hands-on, practical experience in architecture firms. In its first year, capX will focus on supporting community college students but is open to everyone, including graduates seeking internships or employment opportunities.

The program fosters collaboration among architecture firms, emerging professionals, and educational institutions, creating a community dedicated to strengthening the architectural profession across California.

Why capX?



Bridges Students, Firms, and Schools Across California

Flexible placements allow participants to gain experience near their school or home.



Addresses Education and Workforce Challenges

Focused on enhancing workforce readiness and supporting architectural education.



Expands Access for Disadvantaged Students

Opens doors for more students to gain meaningful opportunities in architecture firms.



Encourages Firms to Mentor the Next Generation

Inspires more firms to actively support emerging talent in the profession.



Fosters a Collaborative Community

Builds a network of educators, practitioners, and students for resource sharing and connection.



Offers Value to AIA Chapters and Members

Provides a new member benefit and local resource to members.

Who Can Participate?

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Students

- Community College
- University Students
- High School Students

Firms

- All Sizes/Types: with existing internship / job shadow programs or without.

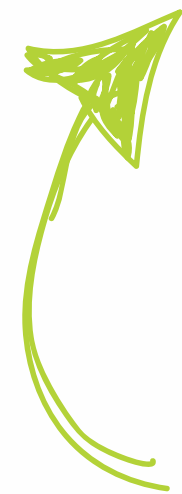
Educators

- Community Colleges
- Universities
- High Schools

AIA CA Chapters

- A new benefit and resource to members and firms.

How to Participate



Repeats each Spring...

1

ENROLL

- Complete the online Enrollment Form on the CAF website: **calarchfoundation.org**
- Pay a small participation fee.

2

MATCH

- Firms receive a link and password to access student applications.
- Firms contact and interview students directly.
- Students submit Agreement Form to CAF.

3

CONNECT

- CAF provides resources: Arch Exp 101/102
- Paid internship / job shadowing starts.
- CAF hosts virtual community meet-ups.

Grow capX!



- Enroll each year and select at least one student to mentor.
- Share the link the capX website page on the CAF website: **calarchfoundation.org/about-capx/**
- Donate to fund program management, development, and outreach efforts:
<https://calarchfoundation.org/donate/>

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