



Blueprint for Success: AIA PA's Portfolio of Opportunities

AIA PA is committed to nurturing talent, fostering innovation and design excellence, and creating pathways to success. With our portfolio of grants, scholarships, and awards we are proud to support and celebrate our established professional members and our emerging professionals in their careers.

Open Now

The AIA Pennsylvania [Architectural Excellence Special Awards](#) recognize significant achievements by members, non-members, civic leaders, allied professionals, and firms who contribute to the built environment and the advancement of the profession in the Commonwealth. **Application deadline is June 6th.**

AIA Pennsylvania is also proud to fund registration and travel for the annual [Women's Leadership Summit \(WLS\)](#) through the [WLS Scholarship](#). The Summit, founded by AIA, supports and empowers women in architecture, design, and the allied building industries. **Application deadline is June 9th.**

Opening Soon

AIA Pennsylvania celebrates the great work that Pennsylvania's architects are doing to affect positive social, environmental, and economic outcomes for their clients and communities. The [Architectural Excellence Design Awards](#) celebrate the exemplary design achievements of members and the impact of architecture regardless of budget, size, style, or type. **Submissions open June 2nd.**

The [Paula Maynes ARE Grant](#) recognizes architecture graduates pursuing licensure and their contributions to the profession and their greater communities by offsetting the costs of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Established in 2015, the grant celebrates the late Paula Maynes, AIA, whose collaborative character and legacy of mentorship and service to the profession left an indelible impact on the architecture community. **Applications open in June.**

Lastly, the [EPIC Firm Recognition](#), facilitated by the Emerging Professionals Committee (EPiC), recognizes firms for their commitment to the professional development of emerging professionals and young architects with an assessment of firm culture and support in four critical areas: (1) licensure, (2) leadership and professional development, (3) career advancement opportunity, and (4) commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. **Nomination Assessment Link opens July 2nd.**

ADVOCACY

AIA Pennsylvania: ArchElect initiative **launching soon!**

The ArchElect initiative aims to empower architects, emerging professionals, and allied experts to serve as civic leaders. Architects, with their multifaceted set of skills, are uniquely positioned to advocate for communities and shape policies that truly serve the public good. By stepping into public office, they can drive visionary change, creating a more thoughtful, sustainable, and thriving society that elevates the quality of life for all.

Watch this space! 🗓️

AIA National: Tell Congress to Support Freedom in Design

Architects understand that design choices shape how people interact with public spaces—and those choices should reflect the needs, values, and character of the communities they serve. When the federal government imposes narrow design mandates, such as requiring neoclassical styles for public buildings, it limits innovation, sustainability, and local input.

Instead, federal building design should be guided by professional expertise, community voices, and forward-looking principles like resilience and accessibility. Congress has the power to protect design freedom and promote policies that reflect modern challenges and opportunities. AIA members: tell your lawmakers that architects—and communities—deserve a voice in shaping the future of our built environment.

Act Now

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

2nd-on-2nd Small Firm Forum June

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | 12pm - 1pm | Virtual | 1 AIA LU Submitted

How to Collaborate with Other Firms: Maximize Collaboration, Minimize Confusion Summary: Begin by understanding the benefits and challenges of collaboration. Define clear roles like design architect vs. architect of record, and set mutual expectations for responsibilities.

[Learn More >](#)

How Should Construction Contracts Approach Potential Tariffs?

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 | 9am - 10:30am | Virtual | 1.5 AIA LU

Join us for an engaging conversation with construction attorneys and architects about how to safeguard your projects, firm and clients against economic challenges. We'll delve into standard contract clauses, common law protections, contract negotiations and project controls in a volatile environment.

[Learn More >](#)

Elevators & Platform Lifts for Safe Accessibility

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 | 12pm | Virtual | 1 AIA LU|HSW

Lifts and elevators can be an extraordinary feature added to a home or building that will enhance the life quality and safety of the end user. Join us to learn about the requirements for platform lifts, the different types of lifts, basic product design, and an understanding of code compliance issues. Presenters will also share strategies for addressing accessibility scenarios, including evacuation solutions for persons with disabilities.

[Learn More >](#)

MEMBER NEWS & INSIGHTS

Young Architects Forum Knowledge Group May 2025 Newsletter

AIA25 Conference. Young Architects Forum (YAF) Events. YAF Tutorial. Career Development for Young Architets. YAF Advisory Committee Volunteering. Nevada Fact. YAF contact information.

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Scout partners with DIGSAU, AOS, and ISA to bring life back to the former UArts campus in Philadelphia

It's been almost one year since Philadelphia's University of the Arts (UArts) announced its abrupt closure, leaving students, faculty, and alumni bewildered, and outraged. There were a total nine buildings that went up for auction as part of the closure. Scout—a women-owned, Philadelphia-based development and design company—successfully acquired two of them.

[Read more >](#)

April Architecture Billings Index reports another month of decline

In its April Architecture Billings Index (ABI), the AIA shared that billings have dropped "in 28 out of the past 31 months." This last month was no exception: April reported a score of 43.2, a decrease from March's 44.1—any number below 50 indicates a decrease in billings from the previous month.

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