

AIA Pennsylvania is now accepting applications for the AIA National Young Architects Forum (YAF) 2027 – 2030 Young Architect Representative (YAR).

This is a great leadership role opportunity to challenge the issues young architects face as they navigate the next steps in their careers. Enabling you to be an active participant in changing and shaping the future of the profession and to grow your network with YAF, NAC, and AIA (state and national).

Applicants are encouraged to discuss the position with their State Representative to AIA Strategic Council or the current YAR, Mel Ngami at [melngami@gmail.com](mailto:melngami@gmail.com) to fully understand the responsibilities prior to submitting an application.

## **Young Architect Representative (YAR)**

### Term Commitment:

(3) years

### National Roles/Responsibilities:

The Young Architect Representative represents Pennsylvania within the AIA National's Young Architects Forum. The YAF advocates for architects licensed less than ten (10) years.

- Funded to attend one in-person AIA YAF meeting as determined by the annual budget. This will include travel, lodging, and meals for up to a 3 day meeting.
- Attend monthly full-committee virtual conference calls (1-2 hours).
- Participate in one YAF focus group led by the YAF Advisory Committee (Advocacy, Communications, Community, Knowledge, Strategic Vision).
- Attend monthly conference calls with selected focus group. Yearly deliverables vary with workgroup selection, generally consisting of research for and assembly of internal documents, public articles, position statements, etc.

### State Responsibilities:

The YAR is a voting member of the AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors and a committee member of AIA PA EPiC. The YAR is the conduit between AIA PA EPiC (AIA Pennsylvania's Emerging Professionals Community) and the YAF Advisory Committee (Ad. Com.) by coordinating and disseminating information, programs, and opportunities pertinent to young architects down to the state level.

- Attend AIA Pennsylvania board meetings (5 a year both in-person and virtual - 3 hours each). In person board meetings are funded by AIA PA.
- Attend monthly EPiC virtual conference calls (1 hour) and one in-person meeting.
- Participate in EPiC programming and initiatives.
- Attend in-person Grassroots and Architects Action Day.
- Funded to attend AIA Conference as determined by the annual budget. This will include travel, lodging, and meals.

### Nomination Requirements:

Nominees must be an AIA Pennsylvania member in good standing and need to be licensed 10 years or less during the first year of their term.

All candidates for shall provide the information listed below:

1. A letter of interest regarding the position. The letter should include a statement of philosophy expressing the candidates goals and objectives for serving in this role.
2. A resume or biography summarizing candidate's background, including education, professional history and service to the profession.
3. Letter of recommendation from current employer. The letter should include acknowledgment and support of the expected time commitment while expressing the candidates strengths for this role.

Submission Deadline – 5pm on October 1, 2026.

The Nominating Committee will review candidates and provide final recommendation to the AIA PA Board of Directors for approval.

The approval will take place during the December AIA PA Board meeting or sooner to align with the December YAF meeting.