

# AIA CHICAGO

## MEMBER BENEFITS

Membership is an essential investment in your future at every stage of your career.

Here are just some of the benefits you'll have as a member:

### Associate Architect Member Benefits

#### Support

- Access a range of expertise through a peer network of more than 83,000 national members and 3,000 at the AIA Chicago local level.
- Attend events, activities, and network through your state and local AIA components—demonstrate leadership skills and raise the visibility of the profession in your community. AIA Chicago alone hosts more than 100 events per year.
- Signify that as an AIA architect you adhere to a professional code of ethics and share a common goal to build a better world for all people. Use the credentials *Assoc. AIA* (or *Intl. Assoc. AIA*) after your name in professional settings.
- Affect public policies through a Government Advocacy legislative agenda that help create a more favorable environment in which to pursue your practice and career goals, such as starting a firm.
- Use AIA Contract Documents™, the most widely accepted standard form documents in the industry, prepared by the AIA in collaboration with owners, contractors, attorneys, architects, and engineers, to help you conduct construction-based business efficiently and effectively; available to members at a discount.

#### Knowledge

- Continuing education through CES Discovery keeps you on track with thousands of education courses through hundreds of approved education providers. Plus, on-demand access to your transcript. More than 20 Knowledge Communities, professional interest groups that enable you to build a peer network of colleagues who share your interests and practice specializations.
- AIA KnowledgeNet gives you access to collective knowledge of thousands of members; a space to conduct discussions, find best practices, and get to know other design professionals
- Market Research and economic analysis and business insights through:
  - The Architecture Billings Index (ABI)**, a leading economic indicator of the health of the construction industry
  - The Home Designs Trend Survey**, a quarterly analysis of trends
  - The Foresight Report**, research on key current and emerging trends affecting the profession
  - An Architect's Guide to the Energy Retrofit Market**
  - The Compensation Report**, a salary survey of 39 firm positions
- Subscriptions to *Chicago Architect* magazine, *AIArchitect* e-newsletter and *ARCHITECT*, the official magazine of the AIA; plus digital editions of *residential architect*, *EcoHome*, and *EcoStructure*.
- Design your destiny by finding the latest job opportunities on the **AIA Chicago Job Board**, or post your firm's job listing at a discounted rate.
- Networking opportunities at AIA Chicago events such as Designight, the annual Design Excellence Awards; the Annual Holiday Party; Small Projects Awards; New Member Reception, and more.

## Even More Resources

- AIA Trust protection through professional liability, term life, and other insurance coverage.
- AIA Career Center, the premier electronic recruitment resource where you can post opportunities at a discount or find opportunities for free.
- Architect Finder, an online directory where you can create a detailed profile for your firm, and potential clients can connect with you directly.
- AIA Advantage discounts on products and services such as shipping, credit cards, technology, and more.
- Business Tools, such as best practices, to help you manage your business more effectively.

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