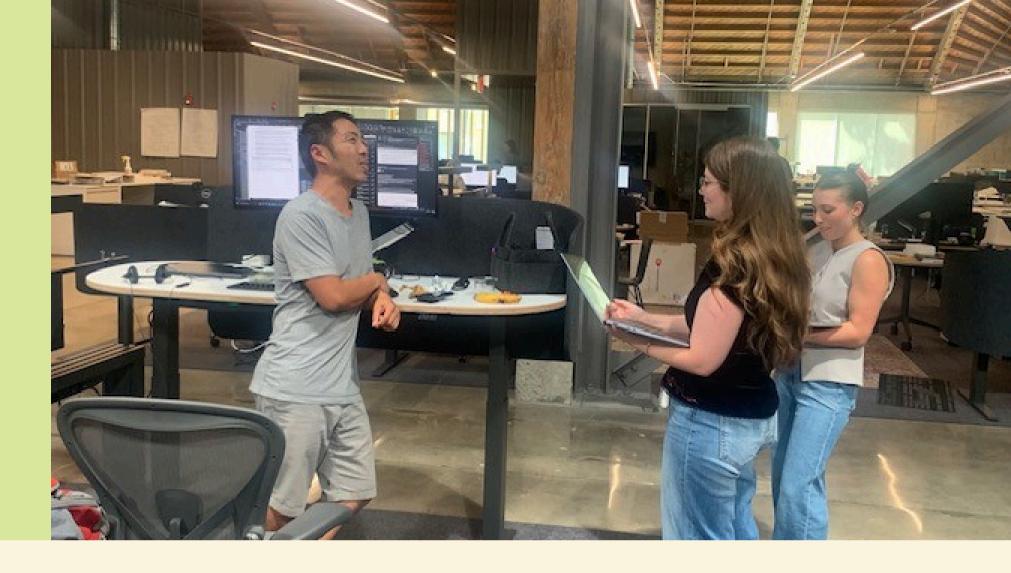






What is capX?



The California Architectural Practice Experience (capX) is a new statewide program developed and managed by the California Architectural Foundation (CAF) **to connect individuals interested in the architecture profession with firms** of all sizes for paid internships and job shadowing opportunities, expanding opportunities for hands-on, practical experience and mentorship.

capX aims to create a **collaborative community** of architects, students, educational institutions and chapters to address opportunities and trends in architecture education and practice.



### Why should firms participate?

- Build or Enhance Internship / Job shadowing
- Expand / Diversify Your Talent Pipeline
- Shape the Next Generation: directly influence and mentor aspiring architects
- Provide equitable access to all students / early practitioners
- Gain Fresh Perspectives: benefit from the creativity, skills, and enthusiasm students bring





### Why should students & early practitioners participate?



- Professional Connections Access practicing architects and expand networks
- Industry Insight Gain a firsthand look at the architecture profession.
- Career Preparation Receive guidance and practical, hands-on experience
- Virtual Learning Engage with Architecture Experience 101 & 102 courses and resources

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In its first year, capX is focusing on supporting community college students--but is open to all.

#### **Students / Early Practitioners**

- Community College & University Students
- Experience-only path
- Job Seekers +Exploring architecture as a career

#### **Educators**

- High School Counselors
- Community Colleges
- Universities
- + Allied Organizations

#### **Firms**

- All Sizes/Types
- With existing programs & without + Other architectural practice settings

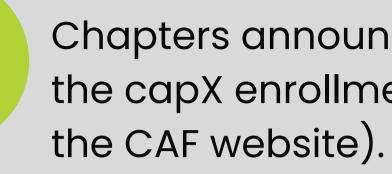
#### **AIA CA Chapters**

- A new benefit to offer members
- Tangible way to support aspiring architects and for firms to directly shape the next Generation.



## **How Does** capX work?

ENROLLMENT



#### MATCH

Enrollment closes. CAF provides a link for firms to access student profiles. Firms contact and interview students directly. Students submit Agreement Form to CAF and are marked as "selected".

CONNECT

CAF provides resources (Arch Experience 101/102) Paid internship/ job shadowing starts. CAF hosts community meet-ups.

**Repeats each year...** 



Chapters announce program and share the capX enrollment form link (located on



### 2025 Program Dates

#### ENROLLMENT

January 30 - Opens March 7 - Closes (may be extended)

#### MATCH

March 12 - List released to firms April 11 - Interview period ends April 14 - Agreement form due

#### CONNECT

April 13-19 - AIA Architecture Week + Statewide Job Shadow Days June 11 & 18 - capX Community Meet-ups November 19 - Program Surveys Due





# THANK YOU!

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