ACSA MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

In this section, you will learn about the overall commitment ACSA has to serve its members.

MEMBER BENEFITS

It is important to us that our members get the most from their membership with ACSA. Here is a section on how you and your faculty can capitalize on the opportunities provided.

+ School Benefits
+ Faculty Benefits
+ Student Benefits

OPPORTUNITIES

We are here to provide opportunities for faculty to get published, gain exposure, and share their research.

+ Conferences
+ Competitions
+ Awards
+ Journals
+ ACSA Data
+ NEW Faculty Resource
+ Study Architecture
+ ArchCAS
An ACSA membership supports the scholarly advancement of both faculty and students within your school.
Make the most of your membership

Use this guide to familiarize yourself with the benefits of your membership - from networking opportunities and continuing education, to industry publications, membership-only website tools and more.

1. Create/Update your profile page.
The ACSA community is what you make of it. Stay connected by keeping your ACSA profile up-to-date. Visit www.acsa-arch.org to create an ACSA profile or login using your existing username and password. Use the online Faculty Directory to search for members with specific experience.

2. Make sure you’re signed up for our weekly emails.
Every Friday, we send out an email that includes dates/deadlines, new opportunities, and job listings.

3. Visit our website for the latest information.
You can update your school’s information, renew your membership, browse ACSA’s data visualizations, register for conferences at the member rate, and register your students for competitions. While you are on the website visit our online bookstore or access our conference proceedings index dating back to publications published in 1995.

4. Submit to calls for papers and attend conferences. We host 5-6 conferences each year, nationally and internationally. Our conferences offer publishing opportunities for you and your faculty along with networking with colleagues from other schools.

For assistance, contact ACSA member services at membership@acsa-arch.org or (202) 785-2324.
ACSA seeks to empower faculty and schools to educate increasingly diverse students, expand disciplinary impacts, and create knowledge for the advancement of architecture.
ABOUT ACSA

Founded in 1912 by 10 charter members, ACSA is an international association of architecture schools preparing future architects, designers, and change agents. Our full members include all of the accredited professional degree programs in the United States and Canada, as well as international schools and 2- and 4-year programs. Together ACSA schools represent some 7,000 faculty educating more than 40,000 students.

ACSA provides venues for international peer review and recognition in the form of scholarly journals, conferences, awards, and student design competitions. We provide intelligence and insight for our members through data collection and analysis, and we work to enhance teaching and research across the discipline through our volunteer members and often in partnership with peer organizations in education and practice around the world.

We design our activities to shape the future of architecture by empowering faculty to understand and act within a dynamic world. Similarly, we engage with prospective students and their families through StudyArchitecture.com, a portal to learn about the path into the profession and to connect directly with member schools.

HOW WE LEAD

• By demonstrating the VALUE of architectural education and research to practice and society
• By advancing architectural PEDAGOGY
• By serving as the VOICE of architectural education.
The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture is a non-profit organization and is governed by a Board of Directors.

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Program Committees

Program Committees are responsible for implementing the strategic plan through the participation of ACSA members and ACSA board members.

- The Research & Scholarship Committee is charged with leading ACSA’s efforts to support faculty in scholarly endeavors; monitoring and assessing peer-review and recognition programs; and recommending actions to advocate for architectural scholarship.
- The Education Committee is charged with leading ACSA’s efforts to improve the effectiveness of architectural education through best practices and overseeing programs to cultivate and disseminate these best practices.
- The Leadership Committee is charged with leading ACSA’s efforts to support the strategic development of architecture programs; identifying and disseminating best-practice models of program leadership and administration; and overseeing ACSA’s efforts to promote awareness of architectural education.

Faculty Councilors

The vital relationship between our member schools and the ACSA depends in large part on the ACSA Faculty Councilor at each school. This person provides an essential role regionally as a representative at ACSA business meetings; in the nomination of colleagues for service in ACSA or collateral organizations; as a liaison between the national office and their school; and as administrator of their school’s vote on official ACSA business. Faculty councilors are the primary contact for the distribution of ACSA materials, publications, and communications. In short, the service of a school’s councilor is critical to the success of ACSA and its programs.

If you need to update your Faculty Councilor, please contact Danielle Dent at ddent@acsa-arch.org.

Journal Editorial Boards

ACSA has two peer-reviewed scholarly journals focused on supporting scholarly research of faculty. The TAD and JAE Editorial Boards are comprised of an Executive Editor, Associate Editors, and At-Large members.
AS A CANDIDATE MEMBER SCHOOL

Candidate Members are institutions that are actively pursuing accreditation by the NAAB or CACB for a professional degree program in architecture but do not yet have such accreditation.

THE DETAILS
The Membership term starts/renews on September 1, 2021, and expires August 31, 2022.
Use the following pages to familiarize yourself with the perks of membership.

- School Benefits
- Faculty Benefits
- Student Benefits
FOR YOUR SCHOOL

- **Subscription to the Journal of Architectural Education (JAE), and Technology I Architecture + Design (TAD).** Each member school receives a bundle of journals equal to their full time equivalent faculty (FTE). The journals are mailed to the member school's designated Faculty Councilor.

- **Full Listing on the Study Architecture Website:** Each member school receives a detailed listing on the StudyArchitecture.com highlighting their programs. Prospective undergraduate and graduate architecture students browse this website to learn about architecture programs and find which school is right for them.

- **Discounted rates for job advertisements.** ACSA member schools can post job ads on ACSA Careers to have the position viewed by the most qualified candidates.

- **Participating in ACSA research initiatives.** ACSA publishes data about architectural education. Accredited members are able to participate in research and to access research reports that are relevant to the needs of the program.

- **Eligibility to submit to ACSA News.** ACSA faculty are encouraged to submit announcements for inclusion on our ACSA News page.

- **Eligibility to serve on committees and task forces.** All faculty at member schools can serve on ACSA committees and task forces.

- **Inclusion in and access to the ACSA School Directory and Faculty Directories.** Schools around the world will be able to search for your program and your faculty.

- **Free access to ArchCAS™.** ArchCAS™ is a full service, Web-based application service that allows students to apply to multiple participating programs with a single application and facilitates a streamlined admissions process for programs. Liaison, the
Candidate Member Schools

FOR YOUR FACULTY

- **Full-text electronic access to JAE and TAD for all member school faculty.** This access comes by logging in to the ACSA website then you will be redirected to the publisher’s website to access the full issues.
- **Access to an online database of past ACSA conference proceedings dating back to 1995.** Search and download digital versions of papers presented at our past conferences.
- **Discounts on registrations to ACSA conferences.** Non-members pay a significantly higher rate to attend conferences. All faculty are eligible to use this benefit. Logging into the ACSA website when registering will unlock these discounts.
- **Eligibility to participate in ACSA-sponsored student design competitions.** All ACSA sponsored competitions require membership and participation is free.
- **Eligibility to submit conference papers for review, presentation, and publication.** All faculty at member schools can submit to paper or project calls.
- **Eligibility to submit to ACSA Architectural Education Awards.** Only faculty at NAAB/CACB Accredited member schools can be recognized for ACSA awards.
- **ACSA Update Email.** All faculty at member schools receive the ACSA Friday Update emails.

FOR YOUR STUDENTS

- **Access to National and International Design Competitions.** See Competitions page for more information.
- **Eligible to submit papers for review, presentation, and publication at ACSA conferences.** Students at member schools can submit to paper or project calls.
- **Opportunity to be published on IMADETHAT’s instagram page which reaches over 100,000 people per week across the globe.** Please encourage your students to post on Instagram and tag #imadethat with their work to be published.
opportunities

Explore the opportunities available for your program and its faculty.

+ Conferences
+ Competitions
+ Awards
+ Peer-Reviewed Journals
+ ACSA Data
+ Study Architecture
+ ArchCAS
Conferences

Each year, ACSA hosts several scholarly conferences. Conferences provide a platform for the sharing of research and a publishing opportunity in the conference proceedings. Conferences also serve as a great place to network and develop collaborative partnerships between institutions.

**2021 INTERSECTIONS RESEARCH CONFERENCE**
A conference partnership: AIA & ACSA
September 29- October 1, 2021 | Virtual

**2021 ADMINISTRATOR’S CONFERENCE**
October 14-15, 2021 | Virtual

[www.acsa-arch.org/conferences]
2022 110TH ANNUAL MEETING
March 17-19 | Los Angeles, CA
May 19-20 | Virtual

In Person Conference
ACSA plans to return to an in-person format in Los Angeles, with blind peer-reviewed Research Sessions as well as Special Focus Sessions, workshops, tours, and opportunities for networking and dialog. The event will optimize the in-person experience, making use of the University of Southern California campus as well as other venues in Los Angeles. Registrants for the in-person conference will have access to all virtual sessions.

Virtual Conference
Travel will not be the same, and synchronous and asynchronous virtual exchange is proving valuable and accessible. To provide opportunity for more participants, both in North America and beyond, we will continue to hold separate virtual sessions through an interactive platform.

Annual Meeting Topics
The Annual Meeting Committee will maintain topics year to year in order to address the diversity of our members scholarly, creative and pedagogic interests. This consistent and we hope inclusive list of topics will also ensure an annual venue for all members to submit to an ACSA conference.

For questions about conferences, contact Michelle Sturges at msturges@acsa-arch.org.
2022 COURSE DEVELOPMENT PRIZE
Submission Deadline: October 20, 2021

NEW! 2022 TIMBER EDUCATION PRIZE
Submission Deadline: October 20, 2021
Each year, ACSA offers competition opportunities for students within member schools. Each require a faculty sponsor and that sponsor would help guide the students as they design and would submit on their behalf.

www.acsa-arch.org/competitions

2022 AIA COTE TOP TEN FOR STUDENTS
Submission Deadline: January 12, 2022

2022 AISC/ACSA STEEL DESIGN STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION
Registration Deadline: April 13, 2022
Submission Deadline: June 1, 2022

2022 TIMBER IN THE CITY 4 COMPETITION
Registration Deadline: April 13, 2022

2022 HABITAT: DESIGN COMPETITION
Registration Deadline: April 13, 2022
Awards

The Architectural Education Awards are an opportunity for faculty to get recognition for their hard work. With nine unique categories ranging from faculty design to collaborative practice, we invite submissions from faculty in all research areas.

2022 ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION AWARDS
Deadline: October 6, 2021
Topaz Medallion Award Deadline: September 14, 2021

TOPAZ MEDALLION
Awarded to an individual, living at the time of nomination, who has spent at least a decade primarily involved in architectural education on the North American Continent.
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
To recognize individuals that have had a positive, stimulating, and nurturing influence upon students.

AIAS/ACSA NEW FACULTY TEACHING
To recognize demonstrated excellence and innovation in teaching performance during the formative years of an architectural teaching career.

CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT
To recognize a specific creative achievement in teaching, design, scholarship, research, or service that advances architectural education.

FACULTY DESIGN
To provide a venue for work that advances the reflective nature of practice and teaching by recognizing and encouraging creative design and design investigation in architecture and related environmental design fields and by promoting work that expands the boundaries of design through, for example but not limited to, formal investigations, innovative design process, addressing justice, working with communities, advancing sustainable practices, fostering resilience, and/or centering the human experience.

AIA/ACSA HOUSING DESIGN-EDUCATION
To recognize the importance of good education in housing design to produce architects ready for practice in a wide range of areas and able to be capable leaders and contributors to their communities.

TAD RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION AWARD
Recognizes innovative contributions grounded in relevant literature that raise important research questions, offer original contributions to the field, and are supported by compelling visual and textual evidence.

DIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT
To recognize the work of faculty, administrators, or students who create effective methods and models for greater diversity in curricula, school personnel, and student bodies, specifically to incorporate the participation and contributions of historically under-represented groups or context.

AIA/ACSA PRACTICE + LEADERSHIP
To discover and recognize “best practice” examples of highly effective teaching, scholarship, and outreach in the areas of professional practice and leadership.

DESIGN-BUILD
To honor the best practices in school-based design-build projects.

COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE
Proposed by Thomas Dutton and Anthony Schuman to recognize ACSA’s commitment to community partnerships in which faculty, students, and neighborhood citizens are valued equally and that aim to address issues of social injustice through design.

JAE BEST ARTICLE
The first award recognizes the best Scholarship of Design article and the second award acknowledges the best Design as Scholarship article for the preceding academic year. All peer-reviewed content published in the journal is eligible.
ACSA has two scholarly journals: the *Journal of Architectural Education* and *Technology | Architecture + Design*. The journals are published twice annually and are distributed globally and available online. Each journal has a website that has supplemental material.

The *Journal of Architectural Education (JAE)* is a biannual peer-reviewed academic journal published by Taylor & Francis on behalf of the Association of collegiate Schools of Architecture. The JAE has been the primary venue for research and commentary on architectural education since it was founded in 1947, making it the oldest continuing operating journal of its kind.

JAEOnline.org publishes reviews multiple times per month and covers recently published books, exhibits, and artifacts. All of the articles published in the print journal are available for download through our website. Visit the website for the open calls for submissions.
TECHNOLOGY | ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN (TAD) is a peer-reviewed international journal dedicated to the advancement of scholarship in the field of building technology and its translation, integration, and impact on architecture and design. TAD aims to become an essential source for new knowledge about how we think, make and use technology within the building arts. Published articles feature primary research in emerging materials, construction techniques, design integration, structures, building systems, energy, environmental design, information technology, digital fabrication, sustainability and resiliency, project delivery, the history and theory of technology, and building technology education. Intended for researchers, educators, and practitioners, the journal advances and transforms the current discourse on building-based technologies with the goal of expanding, re-imagining and challenging its role for architecture and design.
Through its Director of Research and Information, ACSA seeks to provide insight and intelligence about trends affecting architecture faculty, students, and schools. These efforts take the form of several ongoing initiatives.

**ACSA Budget and Enrollment** - The ACSA Budget and Enrollment survey, now in its tenth year, asks schools to identify changes in budgets, enrollment, and applications over the previous year in effort to provide baseline data for institutional comparisons.

**ACSA Atlas** - The ACSA Atlas examines architectural education in relationship to demographics, higher education, the profession, and the economy.

**ACSA Index of Scholarship** - The Index of Scholarship is a database of research expertise at ACSA member programs. For prospective students, the Index is a visual resource that can be referenced when deciding where to apply. For ACSA members, the Index is part of an effort to help stimulate funding opportunities and cross-institution collaboration.

**ACSA Institutional Data Report** - The ACSA IDR currently details more than 530 architecture degree programs at 148 institutions, including trends in student enrollment, an index of schools by program size, statistics on college entrance examinations, and regional reporting on student-faculty ratios and on-time graduation rates.

**ACSA Research** - In addition to the annual Data + Research initiatives conducted annually, members will be eligible to participate in surveys and reports covering the total cost of the architecture pipeline, teaching and pedagogy in architectural education, research around demographic diversity in architectural education, and customized Equity in Architecture reporting.
New Faculty Resource

Professional Practice Education Library

ProPEL is a growing library of educational video resources covering foundational and emerging topics in architecture. Developed in partnership between ACSA and NCARB, the goal of ProPEL is to expand your teaching resources to help you better equip your students for the future of architectural practice.

Access the following features and more with your ACSA Membership:

- Watch videos of full course units created and curated by experts.
- Create personalized course channels by downloading the videos to your ProPEL library.
- Integrate single videos or full channels directly into your courses through ProPEL’s interface or your institution’s LMS.
- Use ProPEL’s video-capture app to create your own course videos and share them with other ProPEL members.

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For more information, contact Carol Mannix, Publications Manager/Staff Editor at cmannix@acsa-arch.org.
Study Architecture is a one-stop resource for prospective undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in the architecture profession. The site presents key information about how to enroll in an architecture program and how to become a licensed architect. Users can search a directory of NAAB-accredited programs and take a quiz that helps them match their interests with the right schools.

As a member of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, your school has a profile page on StudyArchitecture.com. We welcome edits to your school's study architecture page as often as you like as we want to provide prospective students with the most up to date and accurate information.

If you have updates, reach out to Danielle Dent at ddent@acsa-arch.org.
Are you looking to increase the number of applicants to your programs? Reach new markets? Make better admissions decisions more quickly? With archCAS, it’s possible.

ArchCAS is a web-based centralized application service (CAS) that allows students to apply to multiple participating programs with a single application and facilitates a streamlined admissions process for admissions offices.

It’s Free! There is no cost to schools for participation in ArchCAS. Free training is provided!

- Fully customizable and branded software lets schools define their unique workflows and program requirements, and retain total control of all admission decisions.
- The #1 feature of importance to potential students is the convenience of having program data applications in a central site.
- There is no cost for a program to participate in ArchCas. Your program’s participation will include being listed among all the participating architecture programs and use of WebAdMIT, the ArchCAS admissions management portal.

Learn more about how your admissions office and your prospective students will benefit from ArchCAS at archcas.liaisoncas.org! Contact Michael Monti with questions, mmonti@acsa-arch.org or (202) 785-2324.
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