

Career Services

OVERVIEW

TSOA provides both formal and informal career development services to its students. The small-scale nature of TSOA enables School faculty and staff to provide individualized attention to each student. Core faculty, the Dean and the President have wide international networks that have allowed them to place students with prestigious firms worldwide for either internships or full-time positions.

Upon enrollment, each student is assigned a faculty mentor, who is typically a licensed architect. In addition to assisting students through the rigors of TSOA's academic program, faculty mentors provide guidance and career advice including preparing for professional licensure. Thus, students have many contacts available to them before graduation. In many cases, connections made at TSOA lead to ample resources for job opportunities after graduation.

The close contacts students have with a wide array of architects provide them with multiple opportunities to understand and experience the roles of the architect. The skills learned through architectural practice projects, internships and TSOA's design build thesis enable graduates to be productive members of the firms that hire them.

In addition to informal career guidance, TSOA schedules a number of career development activities each year. As part of its annual Learning Portfolio review, TSOA faculty encourage students to prepare professional portfolios before graduation and provide mentoring and support in these efforts. Staff is also a resource to students, as are recent graduates, in obtaining information about and registering for the [Architectural Experience Program](#) (AXP).

TSOA also hosts Career Development workshops, which provide instruction in best job searching techniques, cover letters and responding to a job announcement, creating a professional portfolio and website, and numerous AXP workshops to help students accumulate hours for their AXP records. TSOA also maintains contact with its local NCARB Education liaison who provides annual presentations to its students and the nature, process and value of professional licensure.

RESOURCES

NCARB: Becoming a Registered Architect

Becoming a Registered Architect is a valuable tool for Architects, whether you choose to work within a larger firm, or strike out on your own and start your own practice.

- [Steps Toward Licensure](#)
- [Architectural Experience Program \(AXP\)](#)

During your career at TSOA, students are required to complete an Internship. Hours from this internship can count toward AXP requirements. Be sure to [start your NCARB record](#) to track these hours.

From the website:

"To earn a license and become an architect, you'll need to document real-world experience through the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®). Developed by NCARB and required by most U.S. licensing boards, the AXP provides a framework to guide you through earning and reporting your professional experience.

As you progress through the AXP, you'll build up competency in the skills and tasks you need to practice architecture. With broad experience areas that reflect the current phases of practice, the program prepares you for everything from site design to project management."

TSOA Alumni Network

[Our Alumni](#)

TSOA's Alumni Network spans several generations of Architects from the Taliesin Fellowship to the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, The School of Architecture at Taliesin, and now, The School of Architecture. Our Alumni work all over the globe and are a great resource for students seeking career connections.

TSOA hosts events in conjunction with the Taliesin Fellows, and offers skills workshops to current students taught by recent grads of both SOAT and TSOA. These events and workshops allow current students to network with Alumni and foster positive relationships for the future.