

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

**ARCHITECTURAL GUILD**  
MENTOR PROGRAM





## *USC SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE*

Since graduating its first class in 1923, The USC School of Architecture has prepared students for the challenges and opportunities in the evolving and demanding design, building, and architecture professions. Located in the heart of Los Angeles, the School is a singular laboratory in which to study and understand urban conditions and their architectural implications. The School is committed to shaping students' experiences so they perform well in the profession and lead the discipline in new directions - sensing, responding to and helping create positive societal change.

## *THE ARCHITECTURAL GUILD*

Founded in 1958, the Architectural Guild functions as the support group of the University of Southern California School of Architecture, forming a unique link between students, the community, and professionals. Its members come from all aspects of the architecture, design, construction, and real estate development industries. Its purpose is to enhance the quality of architectural education at the USC School of Architecture through fundraising, membership, and events.

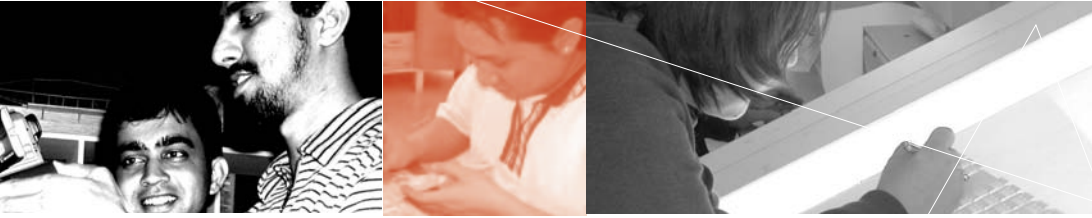
## *USC ARCHITECTURAL GUILD MENTOR PROGRAM*

Since 1993 the Architectural Guild Mentor Program has paired students with professionals in the field of architecture in order to promote the academic, social, and career development of School of Architecture students, and to foster an association between education and the industry. The Mentor Program provides students with an opportunity to learn about the profession and to meet mentors outside of the classroom who can provide guidance, share personal and professional experiences, and serve as role models. Students can seek advice and guidance from their mentors about the direction they would like to take in their profession or seek assistance with resumes, cover letters, and portfolio preparation.



## *PARTICIPATION*

- \* Interested mentors should submit the attached application with a copy of their resume.
- \* All mentor applications and resumes will be kept in a resource binder in the School of Architecture Student Affairs Office.
- \* Mentors should indicate if they are able to take on more than one student mentee.
- \* Undergraduate students who have completed second year and all graduate students are encouraged to review the mentor binder and submit their resume and the student application. On the student application, students should indicate their top three mentor choices.
- \* The Architecture Student Affairs Office will contact the mentor and student about their assignment. The Architectural Guild will invite mentors and students to its the "Courtside with the Guild" event during the Spring Semester, but in general, it is up to the pair to decide when and how to meet and to proceed. The pair should commit to an open dialogue so that they can each benefit from the relationship.



## *OBJECTIVES FOR MENTORS*

Mentors are personally rewarded by the opportunity to contribute to a student's development by building a relationship of trust that will affect the student's vision of their life as a student and future alumnus and professional. Mentors inspire, inform, guide, nurture and encourage students to reach their full potential. The Mentor Program also provides an opportunity to establish a direct relationship with the School of Architecture and the USC Architectural Guild.

## *OBJECTIVES FOR STUDENTS*

Students should seize the opportunity to receive guidance and insight from experienced professionals in the architectural industry. The student-mentor relationship can help create and expand academic, social, and career goals as students share expectations, ideas, and future plans with their mentors. Students may choose to utilize their mentors not only for advice regarding future decisions, but also as critics for studio and schoolwork. While mentors may be able to assist with career advice and planning, students should remember that the Mentor Program is not a job placement program.

## MENTOR APPLICATION

# USC ARCHITECTURAL GUILD MENTOR PROGRAM

Please complete this form and fax with your resume to 213.743.4452 or mail to: USC Architectural Guild, 2314 Union Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90007. For more information, please contact Ashley Tierney at 213.743.4454 or [atierney@usc.edu](mailto:atierney@usc.edu).

NAME

DATE

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

POSITION/TITLE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

TEL

EMAIL

DEGREE

DISCIPLINE

UNIVERSITY

IN WHICH AREA OF ARCHITECTURE DO YOU SPECIALIZE?

SPECIAL INTEREST/HOBBIES/AREA OF TRAVELS/FAVORITE BOOKS

CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD LICENSE STATUS

Please indicate your preference for a mentee based on area of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Development/Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development            | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                          |

What types of guidance are you willing to offer to students?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Course Selection | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Skills              | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Search Strategies           | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grad School Planning      | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Visits/Tours                | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Ethnic   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Resume Writing/ Mock Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informational Interview   | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies/Interests |

Number of students you wish to mentor: