

# AIAspire

## *Calling All Mentors!*

**AIASPIRE** | SEPTEMBER 11

The annual AIA Illinois leadership  
conference for students and AIAS leaders

### Questions?

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# Become an AIA Illinois AIAspire Mentor

AIA Illinois is currently recruiting mentors to conduct portfolio reviews as part of the 2021 AIAspire program, an annual student leadership training. We are seeking pairs of mentors to work with and guide student attendees. Ideally, these pairs would include one mid-senior level leader, either a licensed architect or on the path to licensure, and one professional with 10 years or less experience in the architecture field. Mentors do not have to be from the same firm, but we are requesting a representative from these two levels in order to share diverse perspectives and to allow students to form connections with professionals who are currently at different stages of their career.

## Benefits:

- Develop and expand your ability to motivate and encourage others
- Discover new ways to communicate more effectively as you navigate your way through the mentoring relationship
- Gain a fresh perspective on things and learn a new way of thinking by working with upcoming leaders in the architecture industry
- Achieve a sense of personal satisfaction as you contribute to a student's growth and development

## Expectations:

- Agree to mentor two to three student attendees who will be assigned to you by end of June
- Attend a mentor kick-off information session
- Meet at least once either in-person or virtually (depending on everyone's comfort level) over the summer for an initial meet-up and portfolio review session
- Follow up with the students after your review meeting to check back on their progress and answer any questions
- Plan to attend AIAspire, Sept. 11, via ZOOM for a brief follow-up review session with your assigned students

### Mentor #1 Name:

Mentor #1 Company:

Mentor #1 Title:

Mentor #1 email:

Mentor #1 City/State:

### Mentor #2 Name:

Mentor #2 Company:

Mentor #2 Title:

Mentor #2 email:

Mentor #2 City/State:

**Please confirm with your partner mentor before submitting this form – one form per pair.**

By submitting this form, both Mentors agree to coordinate a meeting (whether virtually or in-person) with their assigned AIAspire students sometime over the summer.

Please email Program Director, Mary Young, [myoung@aiaill.org](mailto:myoung@aiaill.org), the completed form or any questions. Thank you for considering being a part of this important program and contributing to the growth of future architects!