The ACE Mentor Program of Austin is a registered nonprofit 501(c)(3) that educates, engages, and excites high school students about the wide range of career opportunities available in Architecture, Construction, Engineering, and related areas of the building design and construction industry.

Currently in its fifth year, the ACE Mentor Program of Austin is powered by the volunteer activities of a Board of Directors and mentors from local A/E/C firms and universities. These professionals generously donate their time and resources to the events and mission of ACE.

For students, it is a unique chance to discover and develop new skills, explore their future goals and get on track to exciting, rewarding careers. In addition, many students form positive relationships with industry professionals who can provide important references for obtaining college admissions, scholarships, internships, and full-time employment.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- High school students are introduced to careers in the architecture, engineering, and construction fields through a design-focused curriculum.

- Students are grouped into teams with mentors from local A/E/C firms who lead students through architecture and engineering design exercises.

- Guest speakers present industry overviews that guide students through the development of their design project.

- During the final presentation, students present their design to a panel of industry experts.

- Students have the opportunity to apply for scholarships at the end of the program. Scholarships are awarded at the Final Presentation Night.

- Students have the opportunity to participate in the CIRT National Competition by submitting their design.

MAKE AN IMPACT!

- Hundreds of students supported in their effort to enter ACE careers that otherwise would not have had the opportunity.

- Tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships provided to students to assist their college and skilled trade studies.

- Hundreds of volunteer mentors have offered time and expertise to further the growth of future AEC professionals.

- Join other industry groups to support career growth for young professionals.
Program Calendar

Session 1 - November 7 - Introduction and Round Table Exploration
Session 2 - November 14 - Spaghetti and Gum Drops
Session 3 - November 21 - Field Trip - University of Texas
Thanksgiving Break
Session 4 - December 5 - Intro to Architecture
Session 5 - December 12 - Intro to Construction/Building Trades
Session 6 - December 19 - Intro to Engineering
Holiday Break
Session 7 - January 9 - Design Charette
Session 8 - January 16 - Design Activity
Session 9 - January 23 - Design Activity
Session 10 - January 30 - Field Trip - University of Texas
Session 11 - February 6 - Design Activity
Session 12 - February 13 - Design Activity
Session 13 - February 20 - Design Activity
Session 14 - February 27 - Field Trip - Community Service
Session 15 - March 5 - Design Activity
Session 16 - March 12 - Design Activity
Spring Break
Session 17 - March 26 - Design Activity
Session 18 - April 2 - Field Trip - Construction Site Visit
Session 19 - April 9 - Presentation Prep
Session 20 - April 16 - Final Presentation
Student Testimonials

“I LOVED being in ACE this year. I am really interested in pursuing a career in construction and this program deepened my interest in this field. The mentors were awesome, kind, and very qualified. It’s cool to know that I now have a network of people in the professional world. In fact, in an interview for an internship, the interviewer noticed I had ACE on my resume and was very impressed with my work. My favorite part of ACE was the field trips, most specifically the job site trip to the Independent and Third+Shoal. It was really cool to be on a real life construction site and that’s an opportunity I had never gotten before. Thank you so much for putting on ACE this year and I can’t wait till next year.”

ACE Student, 2018 ACE National Survey

“Being apart of the ACE Mentor Program of Austin has been immensely beneficial in exploring and refining my path to become a licensed architect. ACE has given me a clearer, more in-depth understanding of all the components related to architecture, construction, and engineering.... Being capable of conceptualizing a livable, workable space that is eye-catching and unique, and then witnessing its construction to completion is definitely rewarding.”

Dalton Gibbons, Junior

“In engineering, every day offers a new problem to be solved or a new obstacle to overcome. For me, the ACE mentorship program has epitomized that cycle. At each stage, my group has been challenged to make critical decisions about the design, construction, and uses of our building, before being offered a new problem to resolve.”

Avi Distler, Junior

“Thanks to the ACE program and the Architecture lessons, I learned how to not be afraid to let my creativity flow. Thanks to these lessons, I will already have an idea of what Architecture is about when I begin my studies.”

Veronica Rebollar, Senior

“Not only did my view on the architecture and engineering portions of ACE change, but I also got to see a new light on the construction side of things through our visit to the Iron Workers Union and our field trip to the job site at 3rd and Shoal. At the Iron Workers Union, I got to see who builds the cores of buildings and what kind of conditions they have to work through...building all of the creations that we design.”

Noah Gershoff, Junior
Your support

• Provides career mentorship to high school students in the Austin area.
• Subsidizes the costs of higher education through scholarships for students intending to study architecture, construction, and engineering.
• Pays it forward, inspiring the next generation of the AEC industry.

Sponsorship Levels

Underwriter

$10,000 +
Support our program in a highly impactful way, and help mentor students toward a career in the A-C-E industry.

Cornerstone

$7,000 + with $3,000 allocated to a named scholarship.
Support 8 students through a year of curriculum.
One student will receive $3,000 toward a scholarship in your company’s name.

Platinum

$5,000 + with $2,000 dedicated to a named scholarship.
Support 6 students through a year of curriculum.
One student will receive $2,000 toward a scholarship in your company’s name.

Gold

$3,000 + with $1,500 dedicated to a named scholarship.
Support 3 students through a year of curriculum.
One student will receive $1,500 toward a scholarship in your company’s name.

Silver

$1,500 + Expand our reach. Support 3 students through a year of curriculum.

Bronze

$500 + Make a difference. Every $500 supports 1 student through a year of curriculum.

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