

# GAINING EXPERIENCE

Tips for Standing Out In a Talented Crowd

Experience prepares you to enter the profession with confidence.

Employers will tell you that simply earning a degree is not enough these days. Gaining hands on, real world experience while in school will not only help you to learn new skills but will also increase your marketability upon graduation.

Experience is gained in many ways as a student.

Be proactive. Make the effort to find opportunities in your field. Professional work adds depth to your academic experience while exposing you to new environments, peers, and duties.

Experience can include (but is certainly not limited to):

- Internships
- Community Service
- Fellowships
- Teaching/Research Assistantships
- Publications
- Job Shadowing
- Freelance Work
- Professional Associations
- Academic Research
- Design Competitions

It's important to know...

Faculty in the School of Architecture are often contacted by colleagues in the field who are in search of students for temporary projects, internships, and full-time positions. Instructors recommend students based on their skill, resourcefulness, and work ethic.

Wouldn't it be great to be the one your instructor recommends?

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