



Have you ever dreamed of working in the U.S.?

Learn how with **Architect-US**

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The First Exchange Program specialized in Internships and Training for Architects and Engineers in the U.S.A.

Who we are

We sponsor the talent, you design the world!

Architect-US is a **Professional Career Program** that **sponsors** international architects and engineers from all over the world, to pursue an **internship** (*students & recent graduates*) or **training program** (*young professionals*) in the United States.

If you have ever dreamed of working in the U.S. but you have no clue where to start, **Architect-US is the answer!** We will help you to find a career opportunity in United States and take care of all the official paperwork for you to work legally under *U.S. Department of State* regulations.



International
Career Impulse



Paid Professional
Experience



Competitive
Price



Fast-Track
Management

Because ... Excellence Really Matters!

At Architect-US Professional Career Training Program we are devoted to facilitating professional exchange, encouraging global dialogues and promoting cross-pollination among Architects, Engineers and Designers from all over the world.



Architect-US in 30 seconds

What we offer

Goals of the U.S. Government Exchange J-1 Visitor Program

Architect-US facilitates the **J-1 Visa arrangements** and health insurance to **exchange visitors of all nationalities**, providing structured on-the-job training to the most talented and up-and-coming Building Industry Internationals.

The goal of the Program is to **match** promising **global talents** and arrange **interns and trainees placements** with companies in the U.S. while promoting the value of **cross-cultural exchange**.

We sponsor your J-1 Visa either you have an offer or you want us to find you a Host Company!
Let us guess which Program suits you best:



You only need
J-1 Visa Sponsorship,
because you already have an offer
from a Host Company



You want **Architect-US**
to find you a **career opportunity**
+ **J-1 Visa Sponsorship**
(ONLY Architects)

How to be part of it

Candidates' application requirements

The **Architect-US Career Training Program** is overseen by the U.S. Government Exchange J-1 Visitor Program under Department of State regulations. To qualify for **Architect-US's** Program, candidates must meet all of the following requirements at the time of registration:

- Age: between 18 and 35 years old
- Enrolled in a PostGrad School or holding a Degree in Architecture or Engineering.
- Be able to communicate in English (interviews with potential employers will be conducted in English)

J-1 INTERN

- students
- recent graduates (within a year)
- experience not required
- up to **12 months**.

J-1 TRAINEE

- graduates >1 year
- young professionals
- 1 year experience min.
- up to **18 months**.

Be part of Architect-US is as easy as to follow these steps



- STEP 1**
 - Online Registration at www.architect-us.com
 - Fill out the Participant Form
 - Submission of required documentation
- STEP 2**
 - *Architect-US* admission
 - English Level test
 - Selection of the candidate by Host Company
- STEP 3**
 - Completion of the DS-7002 Internship/Training Placement Plan
 - Review of Application by ASSE, our partner and official J-1 Visa Sponsor
 - Completion of the DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status
- STEP 4**
 - Interview at the US Embassy
 - Issue of the J-1 Visa
 - Purchase of air tickets and arrival in the US

How much it cost

Participation Fees

The goal of **Architect-US** is to change the culture of opportunities, advocating for excellence, talent, personal determination and sacrifice. In other words, the platform is conceived as a **win-win Program**: participants get the opportunity to live a unique professional experience by covering their J-1 Visa expenses, while U.S. firms get access to international talent by offering participants paid internships or trainings.



ARCHITECT-US PROGRAMS' FEES

Current fees for Programs processed from December 1st 2023; in force until Nov 30th 2024

Health Insurance & SEVIS Fees are Included

J1 VISA PROGRAM		
LENGTH	INTERN	TRAINEE
3 months	\$ 1.359	\$ 1.435
6 months	\$ 1.715	\$ 1.855
12 months	\$ 2.347	\$ 2.498
18 months		\$ 2.997

JOB + J1 VISA PROGRAM		
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8% of the **gross salary** of the **entire Program length** working at the American Host Company in concept of Placement Fee (**NON deductible from your American salary, paid in full before leaving your country**)

We offer the most competitive prices of the market

Both Programs' fees **DO cover**:

- J-1 Visa sponsorship application processing
- Issuance and shipping of DS-2019 Form and acceptance packet
- Accident and Sickness Insurance for entire program with Global Benefits Group
- Mandatory \$220 SEVIS fee
- Informative dossier: bank account opening, housing, social security number, taxes,...
- 24-hour emergency support for duration of program
- English interview

Both Programs' fees **DO NOT cover**:

- Embassy \$185 Application Fee
- Host Company \$479 Site Visit Fee (when required by sponsor in partnership)
- DS-2019 \$1050 Expedite Issuance Service (when required by participant or host company)
- Airfare tickets
- Cost of living

Why to join

Benefits of participating in Architect-US Program

Making the decision to gain professional experience through an internship or training in a foreign country will be a truly memorable, **life-changing experience**. Take a look at our top seven reasons why going on an **international professional exchange** will bring you a variety of benefits:

1 Unique Professional Experience

The Program offers a comprehensive management of candidate process to understand the immigration bureaucracy that seems so obscure and sometimes get discouraged, but through *Architect-US* Program everything will be easier and understandable for every participant.

2 Management of Immigration Bureaucracy

Architect-US provides access to one of the most competitive markets in the world facing the complex immigration bureaucracy. Program's participants have the chance of taking part in the exchange, integration and training of the different techniques and methodologies of American practice.

3 Compensated Professional Experience

Architect-US Program promotes, processes and manages waged internships and professional trainings, setting minimum wages according to candidate's academic background and years of experience that host companies enrolled in the Program must respect.

4 Flexibility of Program Start and Length

The Program can start at any time of the year to meet both applicant and host company needs, with flexible programs lasting from 3 to 18 months.

5 International Career Impulse

Architect-US is trusted by some of the world's most prestigious organizations and top leading companies. This outstanding network offers participants the opportunity to acquire an unique experience that will boost their professional career internationally while developing a priceless network of contacts.

6 Affordable Fees

Architect-US offers the most competitive prices within the market while providing participants with a first-class service, which guarantees a unique professional experience in the United States.

7 Growing through Diversity

The companies that already trust Architect-US Professional Career Training Program brought a variety of cross-cultural benefits to their workplace and standing up for diversity inclusion, with a workspace where young students meet professionals from all around the world.

Who are some of our Host Companies

Trusted by some of the most prestigious U.S. Companies

Some of the most prestigious U.S. based Companies already trust **Architect-US Professional Career Training Program** to bring a variety of **cross-cultural benefits** to their workplace and are standing up for **diversity inclusion** while promoting global dialogues.

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Architecture

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Who can participate

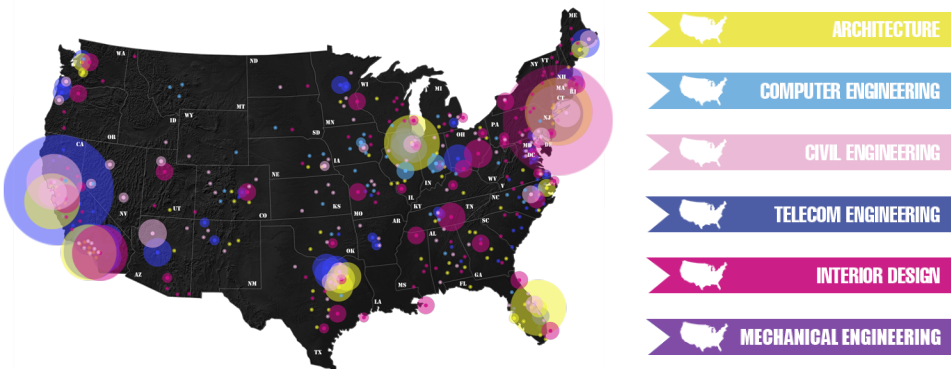
The Architect-US's Generation

Architect-US's Generation is composed of top-notch architects and engineers from **all over the world** - Spain, Argentina, France, England, Brazil, Canada, China...- who are currently working at leading Companies in the U.S. and making their **American Dream come true!**



As the First Exchange Program specialized in international Architects and Engineers interested in working in the United States, **Architect-US** offers you access to one of the most competitive markets in the world to impulse their international careers. All of it, while pursuing a paid position in New York, Chicago, Miami, San Francisco...! Say **YES** to a unique professional experience!

Architect-US is open for students and graduates from all over the world, of all the careers in the field of Architecture, Computer Engineering, Technology and Communication, Environmental and Biosystems Engineering, Agroforestry Engineering, Design and Fashion.



Endorsement

Trusted by some of the World's Most Prestigious Organizations



What they say about Architect-US Career Training Program

Some of the **most prestigious U.S. based companies** - such as SOM, OMA, HOK, AECOM and Shop, among others - already trust **Architect-US** having brought a variety of **cross-cultural benefits** to their workplace and standing up for diversity inclusion.

“ There is so much talent out there and we recognize that it makes our work much better. You can't be a global practitioner without transfusion experiences between different cultures. This program is great because it simplifies the process. ”

KENNETH DRUCKER
Design Principal in HOK NY



“ I find that in recent years we are dependent upon the cross-fertilization of our own cultural stream...we've become more global. ”

SIR PETER COOK
Archigram and Crab Studio Founder

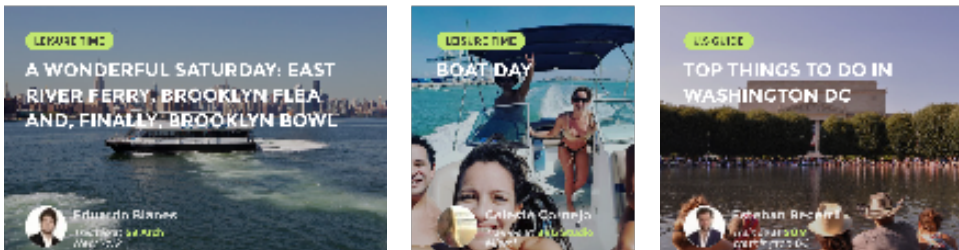
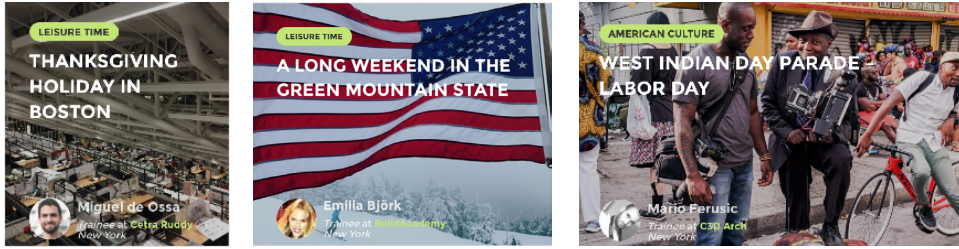
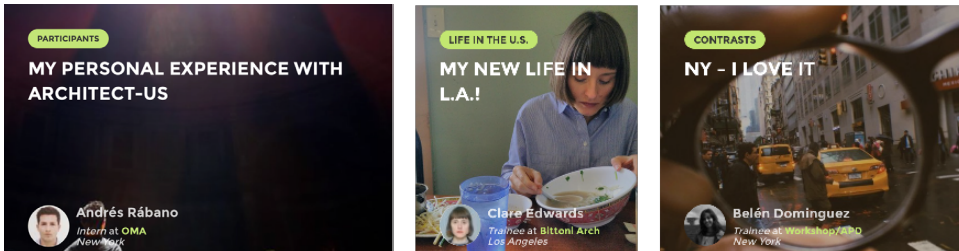
Refer to www.architect-us.com/blog to see full interviews.

Architect-US Community

Architect-US Blog for Participants and Host Companies

The **Architect-US** Blog serves as a **forum** for Program participants to **share** their experiences, ideas and resources; addressing global challenges and bringing the Architectural world closer together.

Get a sneak peak of some of our participants' insights in www.architect-us.com/blog



Architect-US Experience

Activities that bring the Architect-US Community together

Architect-US Professional Career Training Program promotes that all participants come together in a cultural/social activity once a month to get to know each other better. These outings usually involve going to museums, exhibits, lectures and other fun activities.

“ I remember last year I was kind of lost and desperate to find a good job. Architect-US arranged me interviews with several firms and in a few months I was starting at HOK, living my American Dream in the city that never sleeps! ”



CLAUDIA CONDE
Intern at HOK



“ The endorsement of Architect-US means everything in the selection process with the host company, transmitting responsibility and feasibility. Definitely, it makes the difference. ”



LORENA GALVAO
Intern at IBI Group

“ I never expected that I would find such a great people in the office and in the apartment...I'm having a very good time! ”



MIGUEL DE LA OSSA
Trainee at Cetra Ruddy



“ Right now I am packing my entire life in a suitcase, full of illusion and wondering to arrive in New York City to start working for one of the best architecture offices in the world, OMA NY. ”

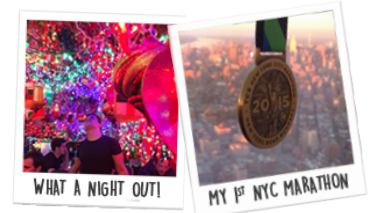


ANDRÉS RÁBANO
Intern at OMA

“ I can affirm that the easiest and fastest way to get a job and live your American Dream is through Architect-US. ”



ESTEBAN BECERRIL
Trainee at SOM



Opportunities for our participants

AIA National Convention Architect-US Booth Design Competition

Aiming to raise public awareness about **Architect-US** and the **benefits of hosting international talent**, we launched an international call for entries, open to students and young professionals for the design of the booth with which Architect-US was present in the AIA Convention.



The **aim of the competition** was to provide young professionals of the field of Architecture with the opportunity of having a **first approach to the world of exhibitions and ephemeral architecture** in an international environment, and getting their design built in **PhilaIA delphia 16**, the most prestigious and higher international standing of the Architecture, Construction and Design American Industry.

The competition counted with a prestigious jury composed of the following members:



Nuno Ravara
Herzog & de Meuron Associate
www.herzogdemeuron.com



Blanca Lleó
Vice Dean of Madrid Polytechnic School of Architecture External and Intl. Relations
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Alex Alaimo
AIA National Associates Committee Director at Large
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Salvador Pérez Arroyo
Honorary Professor of the Bartlett School of Architecture UCL
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Ivan Shunkov
President of Harvard Architectural & Urban Society Alumni
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Patricia García Chimenó
Architect-US Career Training Program CEO & US Market Director of Operations
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Rebecca Lou Zhenyuan, a talented architect from Hong Kong, won the **1st prize** for which she could see her first design built in the most prestigious U.S. Architecture event. After that achievement, she decided to pursue an Architect-US Experience, enjoying her dream job at Kieran Timberlake.

Booth SPAIN arts & culture competition



The Spain-USA Foundation, in the framework of the SPAIN arts & culture program, organized in 2017 the design contest **Booth SPAIN arts & culture**

The objective of the design contest was to create a **new exhibition space, modular, removable and mobile**, whose function will be the **promotion and diffusion of different artistic disciplines through temporary exhibitions** in Washington D.C.

Based on a proposal of a prestigious jury, the Spain-USA Foundation, will award a **prize of \$3,500**. In addition to that, there is a **budget of \$15,000** for the development of the idea, the direction of the project, and its execution.

The contest was open to Architects with Spanish Nationality and legally entitled (licensed in Spain) to practice the profession, and also multidisciplinary teams.

The Jury was composed by :



María Molina Álvarez de Toledo
Head of the Spanish Office at the Spanish Embassy
www.spainculture.us



Lorena Martínez de Corral
Art Historian and independent critic and Curator
www.expoactual.com



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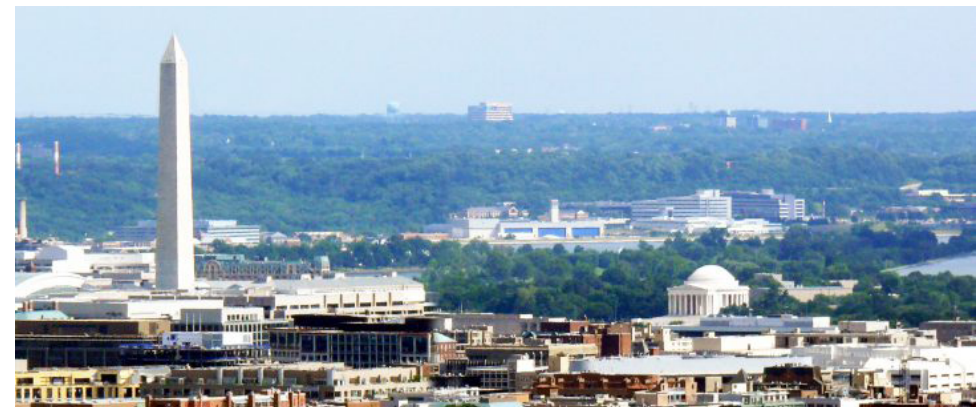
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MÓDULO SPAIN arts & culture WASHINGTON D.C.

PREMIO:
3.500\$ + realización del proyecto





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