

CALL TO ACTION:

Design Professionals Looking For Ways To Share Their Time And Talents To Maximize Impact On The Next Generation Of Designers

AIA COTE Top Ten for Students

Interested
in sharing
your time
and talents
with the
next
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designers?



Curious about HOW to get involved?

We encourage you to check out this year's winning entries as well as a list of participating schools, both of which can be found [here](#).

Please reach out to your local college or university to see if they have an architecture program and/or if they have any studios that may be entering the competition this year. If so, you can offer to be a guest juror or perhaps offer to serve as a workshop participant.

Another idea is to reach out to one or two of your former design studio professors to see if they know of any opportunities to get involved either in person or remotely.

WHEN

Now! Registration for next year's competition is now open and architecture programs considering entering this year would certainly benefit from your experience, technical expertise, knowledge, and insight.

Have questions?

Competition specifics can be found [here](#). Still have questions, please email cote@aia.org.

WHAT

Each year, the American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment (AIA COTE®), in partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), co-sponsors the **COTE Top Ten for Students Competition**, a student competition challenging students to “use a thoroughly integrated approach to architecture, natural systems, and technology to provide architectural solutions that protect and enhance the environment.”¹

The student competition, modeled off of the professional AIA Top Ten competition, recognizes “ten exceptional studio projects that seamlessly integrate adaptive, resilient, and strategies for moving towards carbon-neutral operation within their broader design concepts.”²

In response to demand for architecture graduates fluent in decarbonization, equity, health and resilience, the competition, which uses the AIA Framework for Design Excellence as the judging criteria, has been growing at an exponential rate since its inception in 2015. In 2023, more than 950 students, from 74 schools in 9 countries participated!

¹ <https://www.aia.org/awards/7291-aia-cote-top-ten-for-students>

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