

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE

Freelance Design Educator

The Center for Architecture is seeking freelance Design Educators to teach in our K – 8th grade architecture and design education school programs. Programs include in-school, multi-session residencies and/or after-school programs in schools and community sites throughout the city. Our programs use hands-on, project-based design activities to enrich classroom studies, build students' understanding and appreciation of architecture and the built environment, and develop their design skills and sensibilities.

Design Educators are hired and paid on a per program basis. Programs typically run weekly for 6 – 10 weeks. Candidates must be willing to travel to program sites throughout the city and to collaborate with partner teachers to develop age-appropriate, sequential lessons that integrate architecture and design into classroom studies.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or master's degree in architecture, design, engineering and/or arts education;
- Minimum two years' experience leading hands-on art/design projects with youth groups in a school, museum or community setting;
- Excellent classroom management skills and ability to work with students of varying abilities;
- Familiarity with NY State Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts and core curriculum standards.

Candidates will be asked to lead a demonstration lesson on a topic provided by the Center for Architecture. Additional training sessions on CFA curricula and pedagogy may also be required. Design Educators accepted for employment must attend an orientation session at the Center for Architecture and be fingerprinted by the Department of Education before taking on a program in a New York City public school. CFA will reimburse the fingerprinting fee.

Design Educators are paid on a per program basis as independent contractors at a rate of \$135/90-minute classroom session with students. This is inclusive of prep time needed for each session. 1-hour planning meetings with participating teachers are paid at the rate of \$50/hour. Mandatory CFA training sessions are paid at \$25/hour.

Application Instructions:

Qualified candidates should submit two lesson plans they have developed and taught on an architecture/design topic with examples of related student work, their resumé and a thoughtful cover letter to info@aiany.org. Your cover letter should be within the body of the email, and your resumé and additional materials should be attached as PDFs. Please put the job title and your last name in the subject line of the email.

Applicants that do not follow these instructions will not be considered. No phone calls, please.

The Center for Architecture is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

About the Center for Architecture

The Center for Architecture is a leading cultural venue for architecture and the built environment in New York City. The Center for Architecture shares a home with the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter and has the unique advantage of drawing upon the ideas and experiences of practicing architects to produce thought provoking exhibitions, informative public programs, and quality design education experiences

for K-12 students, teachers and families. It also leads New York City's annual month-long architecture and design festival, [Archtober](#).

The Center for Architecture's aim is to educate a broad audience about the built environment and the value of contemporary architectural practice in urban life. Through informative exhibitions, timely public programs and design education experiences for K-12 students and families, the Center reveals the transformative power of architecture and serves as a vital place of collaboration and dialogue for building professionals and the general public alike.