

# SUMMER PROGRAM

EXPERIMENT  
IN ARCHITECTURE

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Chicago is an iconic lakefront metropolis with nearly 237 square miles of cityscape dotted with architecture and landscape architecture triumphs such as Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio, The Willis (formerly Sears) Tower, Millennium Park, and S. R. Crown Hall.

The Experiment in Architecture program at IIT Architecture Chicago introduces high school students to the city of Chicago and its rich architectural heritage, highlighting the works of industry legends and leaders such as Mies van der Rohe, Frank Lloyd Wright, Rem Koolhaas, Helmut Jahn, Nagle Hartray, Frank Gehry and many others. The Experiment in Architecture summer program connects students to Chicago-based firms such as Gensler, UrbanWorks, exp, Holabird + Root, and SOM.

Experiment in Architecture welcomes you to Illinois Tech's world-renowned Mies-designed campus, located in the midst of the architectural marvels of the Chicago metropolis. The program begins with instruction in freehand sketching with an emphasis on interpreting and visualizing the world around us, followed by studio classes with an emphasis on design through two-dimensional (2-D) representations and three-dimensional (3-D) constructions, and finishes with a session on developing and focusing career plans. In addition, you will tour the city of Chicago—on foot and by boat!

This unique and exciting program provides you a glimpse into the distinctive curriculum and studio environments that shape the next generation of architects and landscape architects studying at IIT Architecture Chicago.



# EXPERIMENT IN ARCHITECTURE

If you are finishing your sophomore or junior year of high school, and looking to the future, you may be interested in Illinois Tech's summer architecture program: Experiment in Architecture. This two-week program is designed to introduce high school students to the architecture profession.

**IN 2016, THE EXPERIMENT IN ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERED IN TWO SESSIONS:**

**COMMUTER SESSION JUNE 27–JULY 8  
RESIDENTIAL SESSION JULY 10–JULY 23**

The workshop will run from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. during the week (Monday–Friday).

You will tour Chicago, complete a series of design projects, and attend lectures by Illinois Tech architecture faculty. The program is intended to inform you about the study and practice of architecture, and will assist you in making informed decisions about pursuing an architecture education and career. If you're interested in pursuing a career in the design and building professions, you are encouraged to attend.

**“THIS COURSE HAD EVERYTHING — SKILL-BUILDING CONCEPTS AND INSTRUCTION IN ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS. THERE WERE FIELD TRIPS THAT SHOWED HOW EVERYTHING WE TALKED ABOUT IN THE STUDIO APPLIED TO REAL LIFE.”**

**– RECENT ATTENDEE**

## FORMAT

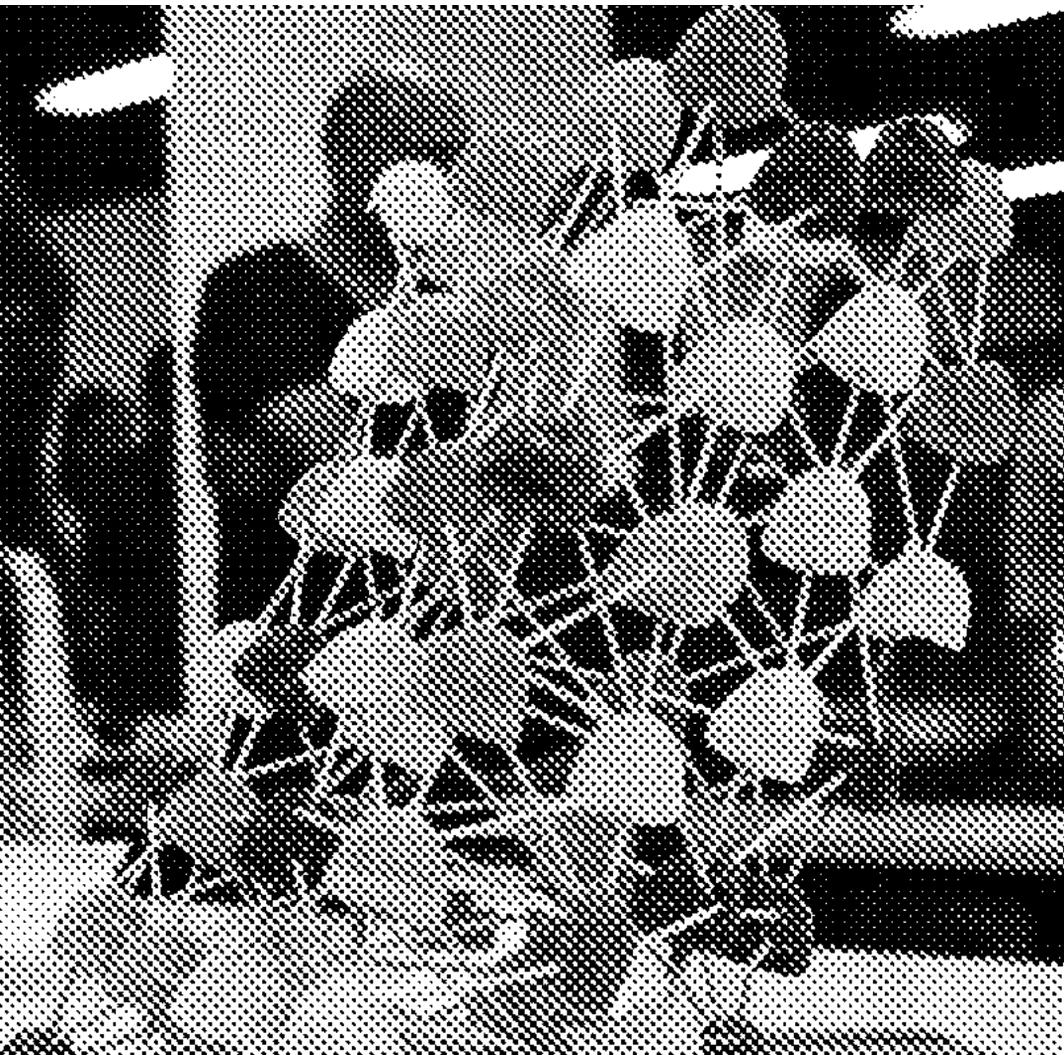
Experiment in Architecture is held on Illinois Institute of Technology's historic Mies Campus, offering unique access to the largest collection of Mies van der Rohe buildings anywhere. Teachers and students take advantage of Chicago as a dynamic laboratory of architectural speculation and discovery. Since enrollment is limited to 30 attendees, you can expect individual attention from your studio instructors.

# PROJECTS, TRIPS, AND SEMINARS

The program includes field trips to Chicago's architectural landmarks and architecture offices, instruction in freehand sketching with an emphasis on interpreting and visualizing the world around us, studio classes with an emphasis on design through two-dimensional (2-D) representations and three-dimensional (3-D) constructions, and a session on developing and focusing career plans. The program concludes with an exhibition of student work and a reception for students and their families.

The work is rigorous, and you will need to respond with enthusiasm and maturity. Each day includes a demanding schedule of projects. No prior expertise in drawing or model making is required.

Participants who complete the program are awarded certificates. Experiment in Architecture program instructors keep records of performance and may write letters of recommendation as requested. You can use the drawings and models that you produce in application portfolios for college-level architecture programs.





# RESERVATIONS

We are pleased to offer both a commuter and residential version of the Experiment in Architecture program.

The cost of the commuter program is \$875. The program fee covers all studio materials, readings, and museum admission. The program will also provide CTA passes for use on our off-campus tours and office visits. Daily lunches will be provided at either our field trip sites or at Illinois Tech's Commons cafeteria.

A residential version of the program is available at a cost of \$1,500. The additional cost includes a 13-night stay at an Illinois Tech residence hall and meals at The Commons cafeteria. Summer program staff will supervise residential participants and organize evening and weekend activities.

Financial aid is limited and available on the basis of demonstrated need. Go to [arch.iit.edu/study/special](http://arch.iit.edu/study/special) for more information.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit your application online. Be sure to include the below required documents:

1. Copy of official high school transcript
2. Letter of recommendation (signed by a teacher or counselor)
3. Short essay of 250 words (one page, double-spaced) describing why you are interested in architecture and your goals for Experiment in Architecture.

Apply online at [arch.iit.edu/study/special](http://arch.iit.edu/study/special)

The application deadline for summer 2016 is May 1, 2016. All admission decisions will be made by May 15, 2016.

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