



IIT Architecture
Chicago

Experiment in Architecture 2014

A Summer Program for
High School Students

Commuter Session
July 7–18

Residential Session
July 20–August 2

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 IIT's summer architecture program: Experiment in Architecture. This two-week program is designed to introduce high school students to the profession of architecture.

“This course had everything ... skill-building projects and instruction in architectural concepts. There were field trips that showed how everything we talked about in the studio applied to real life.”

In 2014, the program will be offered in two sessions:

Commuter Session:
July 7–18

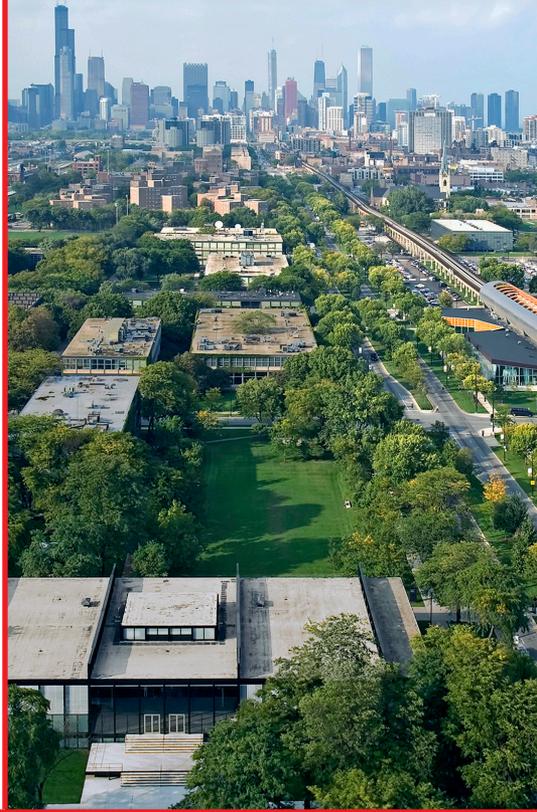
Residential Session:
July 20–August 2

The workshop will run from 9 am–5 pm during the week (Monday–Friday). Students will tour the city of Chicago, complete a series of design projects, and attend lectures by IIT faculty. The program informs students about the study and practice of architecture, and will assist participants in making an informed decision about pursuing an architectural education and career. All individuals interested in pursuing a career in the design and building professions are encouraged to attend.



Format

Experiment in Architecture is held on Illinois Institute of Technology's historic Main 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 students, students can expect individual attention from their studio instructors.



Projects, Lectures, and Seminars

The program includes field trips to Chicago's architectural landmarks and architectural 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 students will need to respond with enthusiasm and maturity. Each day includes a demanding schedule of projects.

“It really helped me to decide whether or not I wanted to be an architect. The studio projects that we did illustrated what it’s like to work in a studio ... and how you’ll have to think when you’re studying to become an architect.”

No prior expertise in drawing or model making is required.

Participants who complete the program are awarded certificates. Teachers keep records of performance and may write letters of recommendation as requested. The drawings and models that students produce can be used in application portfolios for college-level architecture programs.

Cost

We are pleased to offer both commuter and residential versions 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 either at our field trip site or at IIT'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 Institute of Technology 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.

For more information, please visit our website: arch.iit.edu

Application Process

Please send us the following items in ONE envelope to the address below:

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

The application deadline for summer 2014 is April 1, 2014. All admission decisions will be made by May 15, 2014.

Please send your application to:

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