

Bridge Mentorship

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Each selected Bridge participant is paired with a local AIA Fellow acting as their mentor. The program incorporates informal **social events and organized mentorship discussions** focusing on past experiences, career development, and the future of the architectural profession. Throughout the program, the mentors and mentees will also meet in a one-on-one setting to informally discuss specific professional goals while further developing and strengthening their relationship.

This program intends to **Bridge the gap between the need for mentorship in our profession** and the ability of experienced architects to pass on what they have learned to the future generation of architects.

Ideal Applicant

Candidates for mentees must have a minimum of three years of post-graduate work experience, with preference given to candidates that have five years or more.

Applications Now Open

Applications Open: Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Applications Close: Friday, August 11, 2023

Applications are now closed


"Bridge has without question been the singular most important thing in my career as an architect, and I hope it can be that for each and every participant."

Carl Sergio, AIA

2023-2024 Schedule


- Tuesday, July 11: Bridge Applications Open
- Friday, August 11: Bridge Application Deadline
- Wednesday, September 13: Bridge Mentee Orientation
- Wednesday, October 18: Kick-Off Event
- Wednesday, October 25: Speed Pairing
- Wednesday, November 15: Bridge Session 1
- Wednesday, December 13: Bridge Session 2
- Thursday, January 18: Bridge Session 3: Guest Speaker
- Wednesday, February 21: Bridge Session 4
- Thursday, March 21: Bridge Session 5: Pecha Kucha
- Wednesday, April 17: Bridge Session 6
- Thursday, May 9: Closing Reception

Bridge Mentorship Leadership



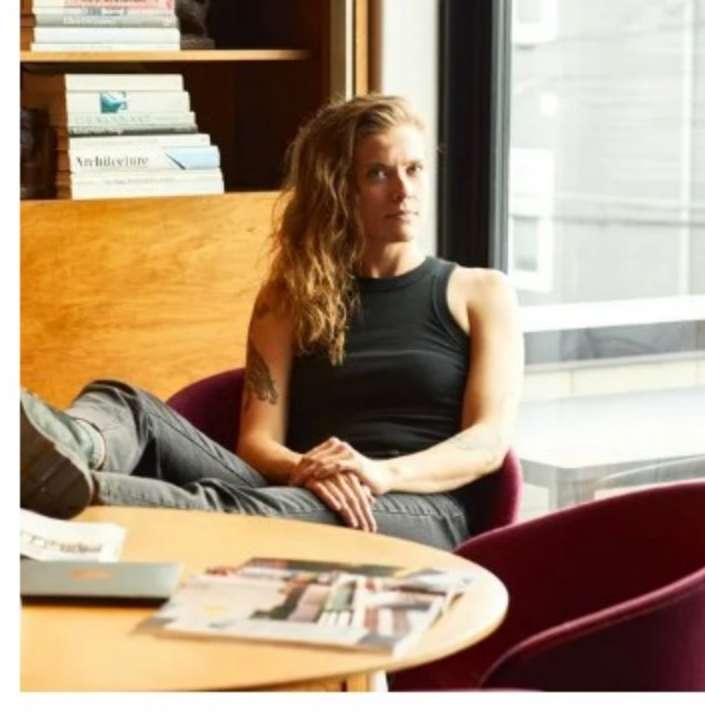
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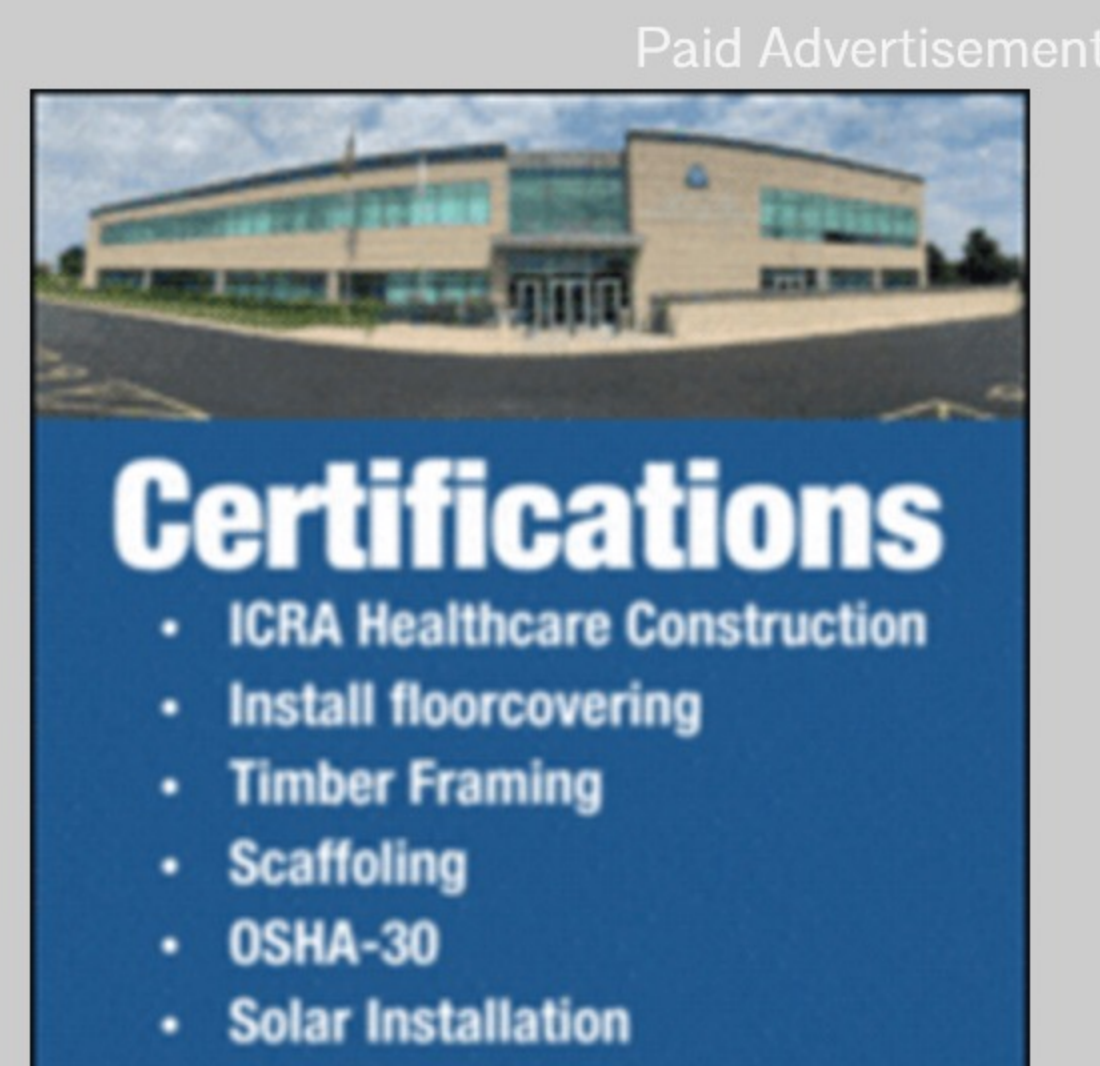
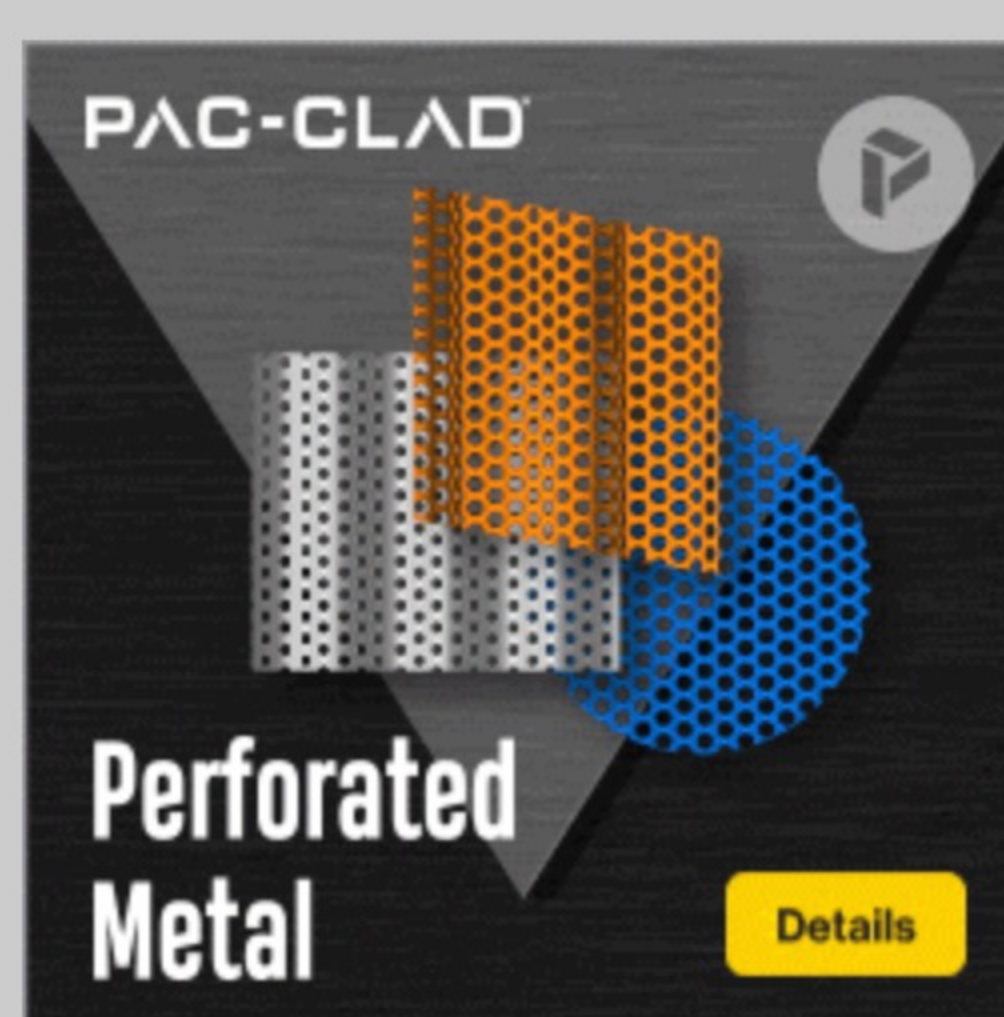


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