



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture

CAPLA Student Externship Spring 2023

What Is an Externship?

An “externship” is an expenses-paid opportunity to shadow principals of a firm for a week and see the daily inner workings of the firm.

CAPLA launched its externship program last spring, with opportunities for three (3) advanced (4th- or 5th-year) B.Arch students to participate over spring break. After a successful first year, we are now able to expand the opportunities to more students and more disciplines.

This a wonderful opportunity—paid for by the firms!—for you to witness how a successful firm operates—and to glimpse professional practice here in Arizona or in another part of the country. The funded externship will also make for a nice addition to your resume. Whether you intend to remain in Arizona or not, and no matter what kind of practice you plan to undertake, this should be an eye-opening learning opportunity.

The Firms

The firms that have agreed to sponsor students this year are connected to CAPLA but sometimes located out-of-state:

Chasse Building Team in Phoenix, AZ (<https://chasse.us>)

Chasse is a construction firm founded in 2007 combining a cost-effective overhead model and highly experienced builders. The firm provides services ranging from construction and schedule management to quality control, sustainability consulting, value engineering, and more.

FUSE Architecture Studio in Austin, TX (<https://www.fuse-arch.com>)

FUSE’s design process blends aspects of art, science, and practicality. Whether creating a façade or a complex technical detail, FUSE approaches the problem pragmatically and creatively.

M Group Architects + Interior Architects in Reston, Virginia (<https://www.mgrouparchitects.com>)

M Group was established in 1987 as a full-service commercial architecture firm with a simple mission: to design outstanding facilities that are functional, creative, buildable, and affordable.

SeaverFranks Architects in Tucson, AZ (<https://www.seaverfranks.com>)

For over thirty years, SeaverFranks Architects has demonstrated a commitment to innovative and timeless design solutions, regionally responsive architecture, and adaptability to the needs and challenges of each individual project and client. SeaverFranks is offering a Design Build Externship.

You may express interest in a specific firm or firms in your application, but we cannot guarantee a specific placement.

Eligibility

The CAPLA Student Externship is open to master’s degree students in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning, and Real Estate Development. It is also open to advanced undergraduates: 4th- and 5th-year B.Arch students, 4th-year BLA students, and 3rd- and 4th-year SBE students). You must be a student in good academic standing to apply. We understand that some of you work during breaks so the money is expected to cover at least some or all lost income during the week in question.

Selection

A small selection committee of faculty and staff will focus on academic accomplishment, professional promise, and diversity and inclusion in naming the next CAPLA Externs.

Applications

The application process is not onerous! If you are interested in applying, please fill out and return the accompanying form along with your resume and a digital portfolio link (if you are a design student) or writing sample (if you are not in a design program) to Laura Hollengreen (laurah@arizona.edu).

Deadline for applications:

Friday, January 13, 2023 at 12:00 noon

Notification of acceptance:

Friday, January 23, 2023 by 5:00 pm