
call for submissions
INNOVATION IN DESIGN AND RESEARCH
at architecture schools

DEADLINE: APRIL 15

Submit the information on the ACSA website, www.acsa-arch.org, then contact your local AIA component.

The recently passed economic stimulus bill, initiated by President Obama, contains significant funding for investments in infrastructure, affordable housing, education, and mass transit, with a focus on energy-efficient outcomes. The architecture profession is fighting to help improve the quality of these investments, but needs the help of the academy. ACSA schools are rich with the data, concepts, and critical analyses that local communities need to ensure that infrastructure investments are made wisely.

In the immediate future, the AIA and ACSA seek examples of faculty and student projects that would be of interest to local AIA chapters working to influence the effective use of stimulus funding—that is, turning “shovel-ready” projects into “shovel-worthy” projects. In the next few months, research funding will also be available: the collection of innovative design and research at schools can help identify potential proposals and collaborative projects.

We encourage you (a) to submit these projects through ACSA’s website (a five-minute process) and (b) to contact your local AIA component to inform them of the projects.

Your submissions will help build a clearinghouse of relevant and innovative projects that can influence policy and spark collaboration among schools and the profession. The contributions of the academy are especially important because faculty and students can undertake projects such as feasibility studies or other experimental research that practicing architects beholden to clients cannot.

To this end, we seek information from schools about work being done in the following areas:

- sustainable design for buildings
- community engagement (whether through design centers or individual projects)
- transportation and infrastructure projects
- innovative building materials
- collaborative efforts with the profession

Work collected may be innovative course work, student design work, thesis work, or faculty research and design.

The online form to submit your project, available at

<https://www.acsa-arch.org/surveys/survey.aspx?survey=61>

asks for a project title, summary description, its relevance to stimulus funding, project dates, a web link, contact information (for follow up), and up to 3 images illustrating the project. Please email your images to research@acsa-arch.org.

ACSA will publish this information on its website and transfer it to AIA for inclusion on the Rebuild and Renew America section of their website, <http://www.aia.org/advocacy/federal/AIAS078578>.

AIA components are also waiting to hear from schools about their projects. *If there is no local AIA presence, please contact the national AIA.*

We all must take a role in helping get our country on the path to economic recovery, we hope you will act on this urgent request.