



# AIA

## Small Firm Exchange LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SUMMARY

### AIA Kansas - BLOX Leadership Training Program

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#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Blox works with emerging architecture professionals in the State of Kansas to educate and prepare them for their role in shaping the architectural profession. This program interactively involves participants with state leaders, government policy makers and local community leaders. Each class is limited to 10 individuals that come from all parts of the state, and participants in the 9-month program discuss various topics affecting the industry, such as urban and rural development, architectural education, history and legislative policy.

#### PROGRAM DETAILS:

Type of Program:	<b>monthly</b>	Number of Program Graduates:	<b>20</b>
Duration, Number of Sessions:	<b>6-8 hr</b>	Tuition:	<b>500</b>
Program Audience:	<b>Local</b>	Program Expenses/Cost:	<b>+/- 5000</b>
Session Locations	<b>Local</b>	How Created:	<b>Component Staff</b>
Admission:	<b>All of the Above</b>	How Run:	<b>Component Staff</b>
Selection:	<b>All of the Above</b>	Length of Sessions:	<b>8 hours</b>
Year Started:	<b>2013</b>	Mentor- or Participant-Driven:	<b>Participant-Driven</b>
Number in each Session:	<b>10-Aug</b>	Project Included:	<b>Yes</b>
Number of Years Conducted:	<b>2</b>	Community Service Included:	<b>Yes</b>

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Projects vary based on participants interests; each class customizes their program.

#### PROGRAM IMPACT:

Participants learn a lot about what affects the profession that are not tackled on a daily basis, such as legislating, tax incentives and development initiatives. Participants also get to meet other professionals from across the state and visit areas of Kansas.

#### PROGRAM FEATURES: (Sessions, Speakers, Topics, etc.)

Two Scholarships are offered  
Groups of 2-3 professionals  
Four mentors across the State