



# AIA

## Small Firm Exchange LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SUMMARY

### AIA Baltimore - CivicLab

AIA Baltimore  
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#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

CivicLAB is a series of participatory educational sessions that will help to mobilize members interested in taking on or expanding leadership roles in their communities, their professional lives, and in academia in order to help guide and implement public policies that ensue healthy, livable, sustainable, and high quality built environments for future. This program's primary focus is Emerging Professionals; from current architecture school graduate students, recent graduates of architecture schools, Associate Members, to full AIA members within their first 10 years of licensure. Participants are sponsored by a member firm or self-nominate. Scholarships are available for graduate students as well members who are unemployed.

#### PROGRAM DETAILS:

Type of Program:	<b>Monthly</b>	Number of Program Graduates:	<b>72</b>
Duration, Number of Sessions:	<b>4-5 Sessions</b>	Tuition:	<b>100</b>
Program Audience:	<b>Local</b>	Program Expenses/Cost:	<b>5000</b>
Session Locations	<b>Local</b>	How Created:	<b>Volunteers</b>
Admission:	<b>Application</b>	How Run:	<b>Volunteers</b>
Selection:	<b>Application</b>	Length of Sessions:	<b>2 hours</b>
Year Started:	<b>2012</b>	Mentor- or Participant-Driven:	<b>Mentor-Driven</b>
Number in each Session:	<b>20-Aug</b>	Project Included:	<b>No</b>
Number of Years Conducted:	<b>4</b>	Community Service Included:	<b>No</b>

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There is no project.

#### PROGRAM IMPACT:

Program alumni have served on the AIA Maryland Board of Directors, co-chairs for Committee on the Environment (COTE), Program Manager for the Neighborhood Design Center, AIA Baltimore Board of Directors, and Co-Chairs of the Emerging Professionals Committee.

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

Community leaders, neighborhood advocates, professional organizations, allied professionals and multiple opportunities for participant to take part in civic activities. Monthly topics are determined by AIABaltimore Programs Coordinator. Topics are based on participants' feedback and current subjects which address advocacy, civic, and community issues, professional practice, and the built environment, including discussion on citizens lobbying, sustainability/ smart-growth, historic preservation, community-based design, design response to civil unrest in Baltimore, disaster mitigation and resiliency.