

Job Title: Freelance Design Educator

Department: Education

Reports to: School Programs Manager

Effective Date: July 2026

Organization: CFA

Classification: Contractor

Job Summary:

The Center for Architecture is seeking freelance Design Educators to teach in our K–12 architecture and design education program, Learning By Design; a multi session residency offered during the school day. Programs typically run for 6–10 weeks, serving multiple classes with weekly 90-minute classroom workshops on a program theme. Our programs use hands-on, project-based design activities to enrich classroom studies, build students’ understanding and appreciation of architecture and the built environment, and develop their design sensibilities and critical thinking skills. We are also interested in applicants who are available to lead our Community, Family, Vacation, and Summer programs, which take place outside of regular school hours.

Candidates must be willing to travel to program sites throughout the city and to collaborate with partner teachers to develop age-appropriate, sequential lessons that integrate architecture and design into classroom studies.

Education/Experience:

- Bachelor’s or master’s degree in education and/or arts education, architecture, design, engineering.
- Minimum two years’ experience leading hands-on art/design projects with K-12 audiences in a school, museum or community setting.
- Excellent classroom management skills and ability to work with students of varying abilities.
- Familiarity with NY State Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts and curriculum standards, including the Social Studies and Science Scope and Sequence.
- Experience leading hands-on art/design projects with families, summer/vacation programs, or community settings a plus.

Qualified candidates will be asked to provide sample lessons plans based on topics provided by the Center for Architecture. Design Educators accepted for employment must be fingerprinted by the New York Public Schools before taking on a program in an NYC public school. CFA will reimburse the fingerprinting fee.

Compensation: Design Educators are paid on a per program basis as independent contractors at a rate of \$165/90-minute classroom session with students. Additional compensation is provided for planning meetings, curriculum research, and other training and meetings as required.

Application Instructions: To apply, please send a cover letter and resume in PDF format to amartin@centerforarchitecture. Please put the job title and your last name in the subject line of your email. No phone calls, please.

About the Center for Architecture: The Center for Architecture is a leading cultural venue for architecture and the built environment in New York City. The Center for Architecture shares a home with the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter and has the unique advantage of drawing upon the ideas and experiences of practicing architects to produce thought provoking exhibitions, informative public programs, and engaging design education experiences for K-12 students, teachers and families. It also leads New York City's annual month-long architecture and design festival, Archtober. The Center for Architecture's aim is to educate a broad audience about the built environment and the value of contemporary architectural practice in urban life.