**Associate Member Benefits**

Associate Members enjoy all the same member benefits as Architect members, but there are some benefits specifically geared towards Associate Members that bear additional note.

AIA resources can help you advance your career and professional development by offering help in finding job opportunities, mentoring, educational programs, help getting your architect license, leadership opportunities, and networking events.

**Complimentary Membership for Recent Graduates**
Recent graduates are offered complimentary AIA membership, at the Associate Level, for up to 18 months after graduation, based on your graduation date. This includes complementary membership in AIA Northern Virginia, AIA Virginia, and the National AIA.

**Graduated Dues Program for Newly Licensed Members**
To support our newly licensed Architect members, we offer a graduated dues program, at all three levels of the Institute. This allows for a gradual increase in dues amounts over three years.

**Help Finding a Job**
AIA Northern Virginia can help you in your job search. We have a job board on our website where you can peruse current job offerings in the metro area. We also offer a resume library that our firm principals really use. So if you’re looking for work or just a new opportunity, be sure to send us your resume. You can also search for jobs at the AIA Career Center, where members can post their resume.

**AIA Center for Emerging Professionals**
This is a key resource for architecture students, recent graduates, and newly licensed architects providing information on testing, licensing, jobs, leadership opportunities, and entrepreneurial issues.

**Young Architects Forum**
Our Chapter’s Young Architects Forum (YAF) is very active, planning happy hours, ARE Prep classes, mentoring programs and building tours.
*(The Chapter’s YAF serves interns, Associate Members and Architect members licensed 10 years or less.)*

**ARE Prep Classes**
Our Chapter offers a series of classes to help you prepare for the exams. All our ARE classes offer continuing education credit and our program is designed to help and encourage you to complete your testing in less than one year. We also offer our Associate members the opportunity to borrow ARE study materials free of charge.
Mentoring
Expand your support network, with one-on-one mentoring, speed mentoring, and 360 mentoring.

ARE Scholarship
The Chapter offers a scholarship program to support testing and help defray the costs for the ARE.

Get Licensed
AIA can connect you to resources to help you through the licensing process. Take advantage of ARE resources and classes, and make the most of your free access to AIA CES to help track AXP credits.

Networking
With over 1,200 members in AIA Northern Virginia, you will have many opportunities to interact with colleagues, from interns to firm principals. Expand your network at happy hours, committee meetings, firm and building tours, and seminars.

Leadership Opportunities
Chapter committees offer excellent opportunities to develop leadership skills, plus you could be sitting on a committee with the principal of your favorite firm. Participating in community service projects not only make you feel good, they contribute to your professional development. So consider volunteering to help organize events at our local architecture schools, work with elementary students on architecture projects, or join us at our next Canstruction® competition.

Professional development
- Continuing education sessions
- ARE Prep classes
- Featured work in AIA Northern Virginia News
- Publications and communications, including Forward, a scholarly journal produced by the National Associates Committee.
- AIA Virginia’s Emerging Leaders in Architecture program, an intensive program to develop leaders in the profession and community.