Partners engaged

Pittsburgh Public Schools
Propel Charter Schools
NOMA Pittsburgh
ACE Mentoring Program
Remake Learning

Outreach

AIA Pittsburgh
Pitt CECs
Fallingwater Institute
Pgh History + Landmarks
Phipps Conservatory
Assemble
Carnegie Museum of Art
Pitt Makerspace
Pgh Athletic Assoc.

Program

IKM
MCF
RD Collab
PJ Dick

Student recruitment

47 student applicants (not all complete)

22 schools + districts represented

18 accepted students
50% minority
50% white

50% females
50% males

14 schools + districts represented

outreach + goals >> who?

People of Color are significantly underrepresented in the Architecture Profession. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and The National Council of Architecture Registration Boards (NCARB) have both issued recent surveys that show the disparity in minority representation among Architects. As the City of Pittsburgh makes efforts to create a more Equitable Pittsburgh, NOMA PCH is working to provide a platform, a voice and a support system for its members and community advocates.

From NOMA Pgh
four weeks in july >> program
four weeks in july >> studio
four weeks in july >> student work
four weeks in july >>
“This program was a valuable experience overall”
17/17 responded “3”, strongly agree

“I am more interested in architecture than before”
9/17 responded “3”, strongly agree
7/17 responded “2”, agree
1/17 responded “0”, neutral

“I am more interested in Pitt than before”
3/17 responded “3”, strongly agree
7/17 responded “2”, agree
5/17 responded “1”, somewhat agree
1/17 responded “0”, neutral

“The instructor/PAs were knowledgeable and helpful”
16/17 responded “3”, strongly agree
1/17 responded “2”, agree

“The student body felt diverse”
14/17 responded “3”, strongly agree
1/17 responded “2”, agree
1/17 responded “1”, somewhat agree

“I would recommend this program to others”
16/17 responded “3”, strongly agree
1/17 responded “2”, agree
“I gained so much knowledge about architecture skills and practice. I learned so much from this and I love the instructor and of course the help from the PAs.”

“Program was awesome.”

“It felt like you gave us the tools we needed and then let us experiment and go in our own individual direction … Overall really great program and I have a really great time.”

“I really liked this camp.”

“I loved going to Fallingwater and being able to experience this with a group of people.”

“I wanted to say thank you so much. I feel I learned a lot more about architecture and I’m definitely more interested in architecture as a profession.”

“I learned about the path to become an architect, what an architect will do, and how architecture is not only about the building but about the people and community.”

feedback >>
1. To create a pathway for well-prepared students of diverse backgrounds and experiences to enter college and pursue majors in fields like architecture, art, design, and urban studies.

2. To ensure that participants make informed college choices through hands-on experiences and with access to instructors and mentors.

3. To support and encourage parents in their role as advocates for their children.

4. To coordinate partnerships between Pitt’s Architectural Studies Program and local and regional high school.

5. To improve equity, diversity, and inclusion in the Pitt architectural studies program and ultimately in architecture as a whole.
- Host a second summer program free of charge to students
- Build relationships with Fallingwater through weeklong residency
- Build on established relationships with schools, organizations, partners, professionals

$10-15k
to supplement current funding

- Scale up the program to reach more students
- Establish academic year programming, such as workshops
- Build diversity-focused programming with Pitt CECs and other organizations such as NOMA
- Build on industry partners

$30-40k
annual budget

- Establish year-round programming to extend reach through partnerships with schools and CECs
- Coordinate summer programming across other University programs or departments
- Develop student placement programs with partners
- Define diversity pipeline goals into Architectural Studies

$50k +
annual budget
how donors might contribute >>