**Overview:** In 2018, AIA Florida developed a program to help train and cultivate the next generation of leaders in architecture. The JLI Leadership Program is looking to secure a promising new group of scholars in 2019. The six-month program consists of five in-person sessions and one webinar, attended by a competitively-selected small group of emerging leaders. The program will begin February 4 in Tallahassee with an in-person session during AIA Florida Legislative Day and conclude with a graduation ceremony at the 2019 AIA Florida Convention in July in Orlando. Prospective participants must complete an application process where proven career success, community involvement and the individual’s support from a Sponsor (firm, mentor or colleague) will be considered. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be asked to provide input to develop next year’s program.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum focuses on core professional skills, starting with self-assessment and continuing with transformational leadership, motivational leadership, building an organizational culture, influencing stakeholders and other tools that can be applied to personal and professional development on a daily basis.

**Program Schedule:** Students will meet the first week of each month for six months, with five in person meetings and one webinar. Each session will last between two-four hours, with optional social activities as part of the in-person meetings.

**The tentative schedule is as follows:**

February 4, 2019        Tallahassee  
March 4, 2019          Tampa  
April 1, 2019          Orlando  
May 6, 2019            Tampa  
June 3, 2019           Webinar  
July 1, 2019           Orlando  
July 25-28, 2019*      Orlando

*There will be a graduation ceremony during the 2019 AIA Florida Annual Convention, held at the Ritz Carlton Resort in Orlando. Attendance at graduation is not required but recommended.

**Required Commitment to the Program:** The program’s success is directly related to the attendance by the participants and therefore attendance is mandatory. Each participant of the program will sign a Commitment Letter that will require a signature from one of the participant’s principals of their firm/agency or the president of their local component. Provided due notice to the JLI Selection Committee, with extenuating circumstances, each student will be allowed one excused absence. If two sessions are missed, a fine of $50 will be sent to the participant’s sponsor. A further absence will result in an additional $50 fine and expulsion from the program.

**Honoring the Jacob Leadership Institute:** Mickey Jacob, FAIA is a founding principal with Urban Studio Architects and has been practicing architecture over 37 years in Tampa, Florida. Mickey’s commitment to leadership in the profession has been the driving force behind his extensive AIA participation. Following his term as president of AIA Florida in 2004–2005, he served as the 2007-2009 AIA Florida/Caribbean Regional Director on the AIA National Board of Directors and was then elected AIA Vice President 2009-2011. Mickey
was subsequently elected to serve as the 2013 AIA President, only the second person from Florida to hold this position.

**Application Process:** Individuals will be selected based on a self-nomination letter, written application, recommendations and resume. Candidates may also be nominated by their firm, mentor, colleague or component. The successful applicants will represent a diverse group that demonstrate strong potential as future leaders. Throughout the application process, candidates are encouraged to emphasize their previous leadership experience; explain what expertise they intend to provide to the program; and clarify how they intend to utilize the skills learned through the program.

**Tuition:** $700 (AIA Members Only). Due upon acceptance into the program. May be paid by individual, mentor, component, firm and/or others.)

**Application Deadline:** All completed applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on **November 16, 2018** to be eligible.

**Notification of Acceptance:** Candidates will be notified of their selection to participate in the program by December 21, 2018.