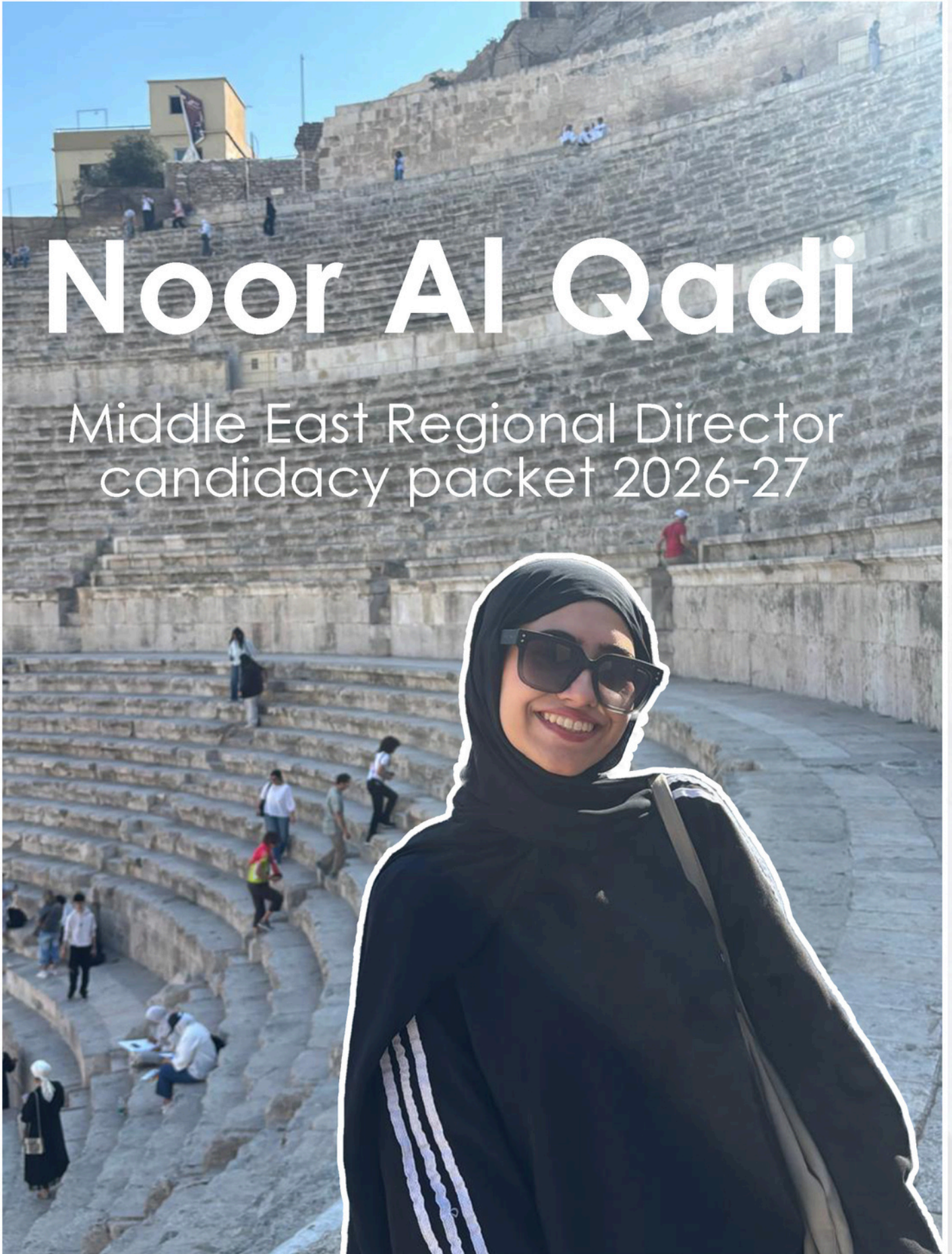


Noor Al Qadi

Middle East Regional Director
candidacy packet 2026-27





Jordan Luther

AIAS, Assoc. AIA, NOMA Past President

Dear Past President Jordan Luther,

It is with genuine excitement and heartfelt purpose that I submit my intent to serve as the **Middle East Regional Director for AIAS**. This position represents far more than a title to me—it is the culmination of years of growth, learning, and discovering the power of community within our architectural journey. It is also a chance to give back to a region that shaped who I am, both as a student and as a person.

My path in architecture has always been guided by a simple belief: **our profession is at its strongest when it empowers people**. From my earliest studio projects to my current engagement within AIAS, I have found meaning not only in design, but in the connections we forge—with our peers, our mentors, and the people and communities we serve. Being part of the AIAS community has shown me how transformative these connections can be. They remind us that no matter where we come from, we share the same passion, dreams, and challenges.

The Middle East is a region full of potential—rich with culture, resilience, and voices that **deserve to be heard on global platforms**. Yet many students here still feel isolated from the broader architectural conversation. It is that sense of isolation that I once felt, and it is that same feeling that AIAS helped erase for me. I want to **ensure every architecture student across our region experiences that same belonging, support, and inspiration**.

Through my work in my school's architectural community and within AIAS, I have learned what it truly means to lead, to listen deeply, to uplift others, and to create spaces where people feel valued and capable of more than they ever imagined. I have organized programs that brought students together, built systems that strengthened communication, and mentored peers who now lead with confidence. These experiences taught me that leadership is not about being at the front—it's about **making sure the entire team moves forward together**.

As Middle East Regional Director, my vision is rooted in **unity, growth, and long-lasting impact**. I hope to strengthen our region by weaving together the unique stories and talents of each chapter through shared programming, open communication, and meaningful collaboration. I am committed to expanding opportunities and representation by reaching universities that have the potential to build vibrant new chapters and ensuring their students feel connected to our global AIAS community.

This candidacy is personal. It is rooted in the support I have received, the friendships I've built, and the doors AIAS has opened for me—doors that I hope to open for others. I want to help shape a future where Middle Eastern students are not only present on the global stage, but **recognized, empowered, and celebrated**.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I would be honored to discuss my vision further and share how deeply committed I am to be serving this region and the AIAS community that has meant so much to me.

With gratitude and sincere passion,

Noor Al Qadi

NOOR AL QADI

I’m passionate about architecture—a field where I’ve discovered both my purpose and the space to contribute meaningfully to the world around me. My interests span sustainability, community-driven design, and the future of architectural practice in our region. I combine digital, technical, and creative skills with a strong sense of responsibility toward the social and environmental impact of our work. Recently, I’ve been focusing on sustainable systems, green architecture, and research on environmental design to better respond to the needs of communities and the challenges of our built environment. At the same time, my leadership roles within AIAS have strengthened my ability to collaborate, build connections, and support others through thoughtful organization and vision. I’m a curious, disciplined, and community-minded individual, always striving to grow—and I’d like to think I’m someone who brings positivity and purpose into every team I join.

Education	Bachelor of Architectural Engineering Applied Science Private University -Jordan	2021-Now
	High School Education Al Islamia Private School - UAE	2020

Professional Experience

AIAS – Leadership & Chapter Development (2025 - Now)

Chapter Leader & National Committee Member

- Led chapter initiatives, organized design workshops, and coordinated academic and community-focused events to strengthen student engagement.

AIAS – Public Relations Director (2024 - 2025)

National Committee Member

AIAS – Social media and Design Director (2023 - 2024)

Digital Skills Instructor (2023 - 2024)

Photoshop & Digital Representation Courses

- Delivered multiple Photoshop and digital workflow courses to architecture students, focusing on enhancing visual communication, rendering, and presentation techniques.
- Designed interactive learning modules tailored to student needs, ensuring practical skill-building and improved portfolio outcomes.

UK–Jordan International Partnership: Hub for Digital Heritage Futures and Sustainability (2024)

Event Designer – Heritage Competition

- Designed and supported a heritage-centered competition bridging digital innovation and cultural preservation.
- Contributed to event structure, visual identity, and participant engagement strategies to enhance creativity and community outreach.

Department of Architecture – University Lectures (2024)

Guest Lecturer

- Delivered a series of interactive lectures blending design thinking, digital processes, and sustainable approaches.
- Engaged students through participatory teaching methods, fostering critical thinking and hands-on learning.

international Involvement

Council of Global Representatives – AIAS

Chair

Skills

- Digital Design: Photoshop, Rhino, AutoCAD, Revit,Sketchup
- Leadership & Team Management
- Workshop & Event Organization
- Public Speaking & Interactive Lecturing
- Cross-cultural Collaboration

Languages

- Arabic – Native
- English – Professional Proficiency



To: the AIAS Selection Committee

Subject: Recommendation for Ms Noor Alqadi for the Middle East Regional Director Position

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure and without reservation that I recommend Ms Noor Alqadi for the position of Middle East Regional Director for the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS). I am Dr Reem Albarakat, an Assistant Professor in Digital Humanities in Architecture at the Applied Science Private University in Amman, Jordan.

I have known Noor for over three years, initially as her instructor across several theoretical and practical courses. Currently, I serve as her supervisor for her final-year graduation thesis and project. My relationship with Noor is multifaceted, encompassing both academic instruction and professional collaboration, which gives me a comprehensive view of her capabilities.

I highly and unequivocally recommend Noor for the Middle East Regional Director role. Based on her consistent performance and demonstrated leadership, she possesses the necessary intellectual capacity, dedication, and collaborative skills to excel in this challenging and rewarding position and to be an outstanding representative for the region.

Noor's performance within the School of Architecture has been consistently exceptional. She approaches her academic commitments with a strong work ethic and intellectual curiosity, often pushing beyond the required curriculum. She has demonstrated a remarkable ability to balance the intensive demands of architectural studio work with significant extracurricular leadership roles, always maintaining high standards of quality and timeliness. Her reliability and strong sense of responsibility are evident in every task she undertakes.

Noor's leadership experience is particularly relevant to the role of Regional Director. I had the distinct privilege of working with her as a team leader for the exhibition design and installation for the launch event of the UK-Jordan Digital Heritage Futures Hub. In this high-pressure, interdisciplinary environment, she proved to be a great team leader and an outstanding work partner. Her ability to manage teams, delegate effectively, and ensure the successful, timely completion of a complex installation was instrumental to the event's success. She consistently takes initiative to solve unforeseen problems, displaying ingenuity and resourcefulness. Furthermore, her involvement in this international project has provided her with valuable experience in working across cultures, which is crucial for a regional leadership role.

As a representative of an entire region, communication and advocacy are paramount. Noor possesses the ability to communicate clearly, professionally, and persuasively, both in written reports and in person. I have observed her comfort in speaking to diverse groups, effectively articulating complex design concepts and advocating for her peers and projects. She is an excellent listener, capable of engaging members, understanding their needs, and translating those into actionable objectives, making her a powerful advocate.

Beyond her tangible achievements, Noor possesses personal qualities that make her a truly influential figure among her peers. She exhibits an infectious passion for architecture and a deeply ingrained sense of empathy and inclusiveness, ensuring that all team members feel heard and valued. Her strong

organisational skills, combined with her maturity and reliability, make her have a profoundly positive influence on those around her. She has the creativity and innovative mindset necessary to elevate the AIAS chapter in the region.

In conclusion, I believe Ms Noor Alqadi has the ideal combination of academic excellence, proven leadership, and professional maturity to excel as the Middle East Regional Director. I confidently and enthusiastically endorse her candidacy.

Sincerely,

Reem A. Albarakat



Assistant Professor in Digital Humanities in Architecture

Applied Science Private University

Amman, Jordan

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Letter of Support: [Noor AlQadi](#) for *Middle East Regional Director*

It is truly a joy for me to write this letter in support of Noor AlQadi for the position of Middle East Regional Director for AIAS. As Noor's classmate at Applied Science Private University, I've had the privilege of knowing her closely for years. We didn't just share classrooms, we shared long nights, heavy deadlines, and moments that really showed who people are when pressure is high. Through all of that, Noor always stood out.

We worked together on two unforgettable competitions: the Roman Nymphaeum Digital Documentation Competition, where we received a prize of commendation and were honored with personal praise from HRH Princess Dana Firas, and the House of the Future Competition in the UAE, where we poured our hearts into the work even though the results didn't go our way. In both experiences, Noor was the person who held the team together. She brought clarity when things felt overwhelming, motivation when energy ran low.

What touches me most about Noor is that she listens to improve and grow, and she always brings out the best in the people around her. She carries a rare balance of kindness and determination, she knows how to lead with confidence. Noor listens to feedback with an open heart and never takes it personally. Instead, she uses it to become better. This combination is what makes her truly unforgettable.

I am a huge believer in Noor and in what she can bring to our region. I have seen her ability to connect with others. I am certain that she will serve with the same passion and dedication she has shown in every project we've shared and represent our region with pride.

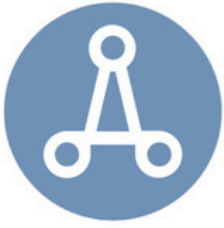
Thanks,

AlaEddin Alkiswani

ASU AIAS - Engagement & Treasury Lead

Applied Science University Chapter

Date: 21st. Nov. 2025



11/21/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my full support for Noor Al-Qadi as she applies for the position of Middle East Regional Director for AIAS. As the Secretary of the AIAS Applied Science University Chapter, I have personally worked alongside Noor throughout this year and the year before, and I have personally seen the level of professionalism, responsibility, and vision she brings to every task.

Noor is not just a capable leader, she is a driven and deeply committed one. She consistently pushes our chapter to grow, to think bigger, and to meet the standards of AIAS with pride. Whether by coordinating major events, guiding teams, or resolving challenges, Noor approaches everything with clarity, structure, and confidence. Her leadership has been one of the strongest foundations of our chapter this year.

What truly sets Noor apart is her amazing character. She leads with kindness, patience, and emotional intelligence. She doesn't only instruct but she listens, she supports, and she invests in the people around her. Noor never fails to notice when someone is struggling, she steps in without hesitation. Her willingness to mentor others and guide them through academic or any type of challenges that one might face, has created a genuinely collaborative and trusting environment within our chapter.

Noor also has a natural talent for connecting with people across cultures and chapters. She already communicates with members from across the Middle East and always seeks ways for our region to grow together. She is organized, consistent, and very intentional with her work, which makes her perfectly suited for a regional leadership role.

I am confident that Noor will elevate the Middle East region with her strong organizational skills, her ability to bring people together, and her genuine passion for empowering AIAS members. She has already proven her strong impact at the chapter level, and I fully believe she will carry that same excellence into the regional director position.

It is a true honor to recommend Noor Al-Qadi for this role. I've witnessed her dedication closely, and I know she would represent our region with integrity, creativity, and unwavering commitment.

Sincerely,

Sara Abu Sada

Secretary, AIAS Applied Science University Chapter
Applied Science Private University

1. Why are you running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors? What motivates you to seek a leadership position?

AIAS has been more than an organization to me—it has been a community, a source of inspiration, and a space where I've discovered the power of collaboration and shared passion. Over the past three years, I have witnessed how this network uplifts architecture students, fosters leadership, and cultivates a global family of peers who challenge and support one another. These experiences have shaped who I am as a student, a leader, and an aspiring architect.

I am running for this position because I want to amplify the voices of Middle Eastern students and ensure our region is represented on the global stage. I want to create opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and growth that allow every student to feel connected and empowered. My goal is to help others experience the transformative sense of belonging and purpose that AIAS has given me, and to ensure the Middle East contributes its creativity, perspectives, and talents to the worldwide network.

Where do you see room for improvement or new areas for expansion in AIAS?

AIAS has accomplished so much, yet there is tremendous potential to expand its reach and impact across the Middle East. Many students remain unaware of the organization unless they actively seek it out, and engagement often stops at the chapter leadership level, leaving numerous voices unheard and opportunities underutilized.

To foster growth and expansion, I envision developing targeted resources for international chapters. Strengthening connections with local industries would allow chapters to address region-specific challenges while gaining mentorship and practical support. Additionally, I propose establishing a Middle East AIAS conference or summit to bring students together, showcase regional initiatives, amplify their voices, and strengthen the organization's presence. By combining resource development, local partnerships, and regional events, AIAS can expand its influence, empower more students, and build a more connected and resilient Middle Eastern community.

What one issue do you personally find most important, and how would you make progress on it as an elected leader?

The issue I find most important is equitable support and recognition for Middle Eastern chapters. While AIAS has made incredible strides globally, many chapters in our region still face challenges in engagement and accessibility. Students often feel disconnected due to limited resources, lack of visibility, and barriers that prevent them from fully participating in programs and events. For example, language differences can make conferences, workshops, and online resources difficult to navigate, and the structure of the AIAS website can unintentionally limit access to vital information. These obstacles can leave students feeling overlooked or excluded from the broader community.

As an elected leader, I would work to remove these barriers and ensure every student is heard and empowered. This includes providing translated materials or multilingual sessions for key events, streamlining navigation and accessibility on the AIAS website, and creating targeted outreach and mentorship programs specifically for Middle Eastern chapters. By addressing these challenges, I aim to increase participation, strengthen connections, and give our region the recognition and support it deserves, allowing every student to fully engage with the AIAS network.

How would you use your position on the Board to connect and engage geographically and culturally diverse members?

I would use my position on the Board to serve as a link between the national office and chapters in the Middle East, ensuring that all members are informed, aligned, and supported. My goal would be to create stronger connections across geographically and culturally diverse chapters by prioritizing online conferences and virtual activities, making participation easier and more accessible for students regardless of location or resources.

Additionally, I would use my voice to advocate on behalf of Middle Eastern students, raising their concerns, highlighting regional successes, and ensuring their perspectives are represented in Board discussions. By combining consistent communication, accessible engagement platforms, and active advocacy, I aim to strengthen the ties between chapters and the Board, foster a more inclusive regional community, and ensure every student feels heard, supported, and empowered within the global AIAS network.

How do you intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of your position, including communication and goals for your term?

I intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of my position by establishing clear, consistent, and approachable communication with all Middle Eastern chapters. I will begin by ensuring that documentation and records for the region are complete and up to date, preserving data and maintaining a clear history of our chapter activities and achievements.

I also plan to market AIAS in the Middle East more actively, highlighting the work of our chapters so that their efforts are always recognized, appreciated, and celebrated. A key part of my approach will be to personally reach out to each chapter, getting to know their leaders and members, and creating an environment where it is easy for them to contact me as a peer. By combining thorough documentation, active promotion, and personal engagement, I aim to strengthen connections, ensure our region is visible and valued, and provide students with the guidance and support they need to fully participate in AIAS.

What strategic priorities would you like to see AIAS focus on during your term?

During my term, I would like to see AIAS focus on strategic priorities that actively involve Middle Eastern students in decision-making and ensure their voices are heard at all levels of the organization. I aim to create stronger connections between these students and professionals worldwide, providing opportunities such as internships, mentorships, and work placements that support their growth and career development.

Academically, I would work to connect Middle Eastern students with peers around the globe, encouraging the exchange of ideas and experiences so they can broaden their perspectives and gain insight into different architectural journeys. Additionally, I propose creating a multilingual data platform specifically designed for Middle Eastern students, offering resources, guidance, and tools in accessible languages to help them feel included and empowered. Students in the Middle East possess incredible potential, and by providing these resources and opportunities, AIAS can help ensure that their talents, perspectives, and contributions are fully recognized and supported.

POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS

In July 1993, the AIAS Board of Directors adopted a "Public Policy on Uncompensated Interns." The policy has been subsequently reviewed and reaffirmed by the Board and reads as follows:

The AIAS maintains that employers must properly compensate all employees. Compensation must be in compliance with the regulations for the jurisdiction in which they are working.

In 2010, AIAS crafted a public statement on intern compensation in conjunction with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the American Institute of Architects, which reads as follows:

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the American Institute of Architects, and the American Institute of Architecture Students recognize that architects are bound by law and ethics to pay interns, and strongly advocate for the appropriate compensation of architectural students and interns. Because of current economic transformations, some architects have both solicited and accepted the services and labor of interns without pay. We strongly urge architectural firms and other for-profit employers to respect the law and comply with the ethical standards of our profession, and we strongly encourage interns to refuse to accept employment without pay, and to notify the Department of Labor in cases where employers propose such an arrangement. For more information on labor laws and professional ethics, please see the AIA Code of Ethics and the U.S. Labor Department standards under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduate doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for non-profit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to determine their own hours and degree of involvement. The AIA has established guidelines for service that are provided on a Pro Bono basis. They can be found under the member section of the AIA website.

POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS AFFIRMATION

As a way of confirming that the AIAS is not promoting or being promoted by architects employing unpaid interns, we ask that each participant in an official AIAS function review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation in our event and thank you for your support of our position against unpaid internships. This position is supported as well by the Board of Directors of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Name: Noor Al Qadi

I do hereby affirm that I understand and support the AIAS policy on the compensation for interns. If I employ interns, I further affirm that I do not use unpaid architectural interns in my professional practice when applicable by federal wage and hour laws.

Signature:  _____

Date: 20/11/2025

ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS

Elections are a critical step by which the American Institute of Architecture Students is governed. Annual elections, as outlined in the Bylaws and the Rules of the Board, ensure that the membership of the organization participates in the selection of the best candidates to serve on the national Board of Directors.

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors represent the membership and ensure the continued success of the organization. Therefore, participants who are involved in the elections process, including candidates and Board Members, are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and good judgment.

Confidentiality is required of all participants in the elections process. Participants should not discuss details of the elections process to the general membership before, during or after FORUM. Elections information that is considered public knowledge, and therefore can be shared with the membership, occurs during the General Business Sessions and at the General Assemblies.

Campaigning is strictly prohibited prior to FORUM. Conversation between chapters regarding candidates should not take place. Campaigning will only begin at the first General Assembly of FORUM.

Campaigning during FORUM shall be professional. Candidates and candidate support groups should be respectful in their campaigning efforts. Disrespectful campaigning will be a violation of the Elections Code of Ethics, and will be grounds for immediate review by the Past President.

Campaigning materials should follow the Election Guidelines, and should be distributed in appropriate venues only. Appropriate venues include FORUM General Business Sessions, General Assemblies, and Quad Breakouts.

As leaders of this organization, and future leaders of this profession, we must uphold the highest ethical practice. Questionable behavior during elections will not be tolerated. Any concerns should be immediately raised with the Past President.

ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS AFFIRMATION

To promote the highest level of professionalism during elections, we ask that each participant in the elections process review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation and thank you for your support and dedication to the organization.

Name: Noor Al Qadi

I do hereby affirm that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the AIAS Elections Code of Ethics and the Elections Guidelines.

Signature:  _____

Date: 20/11/2025

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.



CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Candidate contact information will only be used by the Past President to communicate elections-related information. If provided, social media handles will be shared when candidates are posted publicly on AIAS website and social media.

Name (as preferred): Noor Al Qadi

Chapter: Applied Science Private University

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): President

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