



San Pedro Garza García, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

Thursday, November 30th 2023

Dear Cooper Moore

Greetings.

My name is Juan Diego Maya and I am a 3rd year architecture student in the University of Monterrey, and former president of the AIAS UDEM chapter. I am writing to express my strong interest in the position of Regional Director of Latin America of the American Institute of Architecture Students.

I have being involved with the organization since my first year of university, and I have being scaled of position in my chapter each semester, being now the president of the AIAS UDEM Chapter, in addition to that, I have participated in many extracurricular activities, that have given me different leadership skills to work with multidisciplinary teams and with protocols with directors. I understand that the role of Regional Director of Latin America is a challenging position but I believe that I can bring something new to the region of Latin America, and help it improve and grow during my time in this role.

I look forward to a positive turnaround soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Maya'.

**Juan Diego Cipriano Maya Benítez**  
President of AIAS UDEM Chapter  
Universidad de Monterrey.  
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# Juan Diego Cipriano Maya Benítez

Architecture Student with interest on Sustainable Architecture and Energy Efficiency on Buildings

## ● PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## ● IDIOMAS

**Spanish** Nativo

**English** TOELF (UEM) | 610  
CAMBRIDGE | B2  
OXFORD | B2

## ● SOFTWARES

**Office Packet:** PowerPoint, Word, Excel

**Adobe Packet:** Photoshop, Illustrator,  
Adobe Portfolio

**Google Packet:** Docs, Slides, Sheets,  
Calendar, Drive

Autocad, Archicad, Revit, SketchUp,  
Twinmotion, Rhino 7, grasshopper

## ● SKILLS

- Work with multidisciplinary teams
- Work under pressure
- Leadership
- Creativity
- Organization

## ● EDUCATION

Architecture Degree. **Universidad de Monterrey**  
August 2021 - June 2026

## ● EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Rol as **Secretary in the Student Group "For U"** in 2022, part of the executive team that **organized the conferences of UDESIGN 2022: "CAOS"**, on September 2022 in UDEM.
- Rol of **Logistics, image and social media on the Student Chapter of AIAS UDEM**, American Institute of Architecture Student, from August 2022 to May 2023
- Rol of **President on the Student Chapter of AIAS UDEM**, American Institute of Architecture Student, from August 2023 to May 2024
- **Member of the sixth generation of the program Drivers of Change**, with the creation of a project focus on promoting and generating healthy habits with children from 6 to 12 years old, in a primary school located on Lomas de la Fama, La Fama III y Arboledas, Santa Catarina, NL. November 2021 - June 2025.
- **Speaker on the Third Interuniversity Gathering of Change makers, organized by Ashoka Fellowship**, on Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Guadalajara in April 2023.
- Part of a **class with Javier Verdura, Global Director of Product in Tesla**, focused on how to improve the energy Efficiency in a house, working in a project with wind energy, from August 2023 to November 2023

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 Juan Diego Cipriano Maya Benítez

The logo of the Universidad de Monterrey (UDM) is a yellow square with the letters "UDM" in bold black font.

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Cooper Moore,

It is my pleasure to write a letter on behalf of the Program of Architecture at the Centro Roberto Garza Sada for Architecture, Art, and Design at the Universidad de Monterrey.

Here at the Program of Architecture, we have always encouraged student development beyond our institution, taking pride particularly in the development and achievements of the AIAS Chapter at our university.

Considering the outstanding performance of our student *Juan Diego Cipriano Maya Benítez*, we would like to state our full support to him to acquire the position of International Regional Director at the AIAS, thus acknowledging the school's awareness of the candidate's desire to seek a seat on the AIAS National Board of Directors and the implications thereof.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [rosaura.lopez@udem.edu](mailto:rosaura.lopez@udem.edu)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rosaura", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Arq. Rosaura G. López P**

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To whom it may correspond

Greetings.

I am pleased to enthusiastically recommend Juan Diego Maya for the Latin America Director of the American Institute of Architecture Students role.

I had the pleasure of collaborating with Juan Diego Maya these last two years, in his role as the actual president, and also in his time as image and communication in the AIAS Chapter of the University of Monterrey.

During our time together, Juan Diego proved to be bright, determined, and visionary in his different roles within the organization. His collaboration and leadership skills were truly impressive, and with his continuous dedication and attention to my chapter, he has helped improve the status of the chapter, and to have a better relationship with our school directors.

I am confident without reservation that Juan Diego would be an excellent candidate for this role. As a tireless organized and passionate individual, he will be a productive addition to the organization.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like me to further elaborate on Juan Diego's talents and achievements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Sofia Montserrat Chavarria Palacios**  
Vicepresident of AIAS UDEM Chapter  
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## **Candidate Questionnaire**

**Juan Diego Cipriano Maya Benítez**

- 1. Why are you running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors? What about the organization and its membership motivates you to seek a leadership position?**

I am running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors because I want to be more involved in the organization, to be a part of more decisions and to connect with other characters and people around the globe.

What motivates me to seek a leadership position is that we are all students, and even though we have a difficult and very exhausting career, we still want to help and connect other students in our university and create a community, and I believe AIAS is the perfect organization and has the best people to achieve this.

- 2. Where do you see room for improvement or new areas for the organization to expand into?**

I think an area for improvement is to connect more international chapters with the organization and with the chapters of the USA, because I believe there is a bridge between those that can be fixed with cooperation and dedication.

- 3. What one issue do you personally find the most important? How would you make progress on this issue as an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors?**

One personal issue that I find the most important is the lack of community and the level of competition in the architecture career. I believe and want to make progress in this issue. It is better to create a community of mutual help and achievements, than an individual achievement community with a lot of competition.

**4. How would you use your position on the Board to better connect and engage our geographically and culturally diverse membership? What resources would you propose to better serve Chapter leaders seeking to grow their chapters and connect to other students around the world?**

I would use my position on the Board to better connect and engage our geographically and culturally diverse membership by creating and promoting events with international and national chapters, to invite all to conferences, to workshops, to study trips, in order to grow the community of the organization.

I propose to better serve Chapter leaders seeking to grow their chapters and connect to other students around the world, to let them know the benefits of connecting with other chapters, to recommend chapters that have done a similar event or faced a similar problem, in order to support and help each other.

**5. Describe how you intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of your chosen position on the Board.**

I intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of Regional Director of Latin America by:

- Improve the community of Latin America Chapters:
  - Motivate Latin America chapters to make events together.
  - Make a meeting with all presidents of each chapter at the beginning, mid and end of the year in order to see what each chapter has done or plan to do.
- Help chapters to grow as individuals:
  - Have a meeting at least once a month with all the chair members of each chapter.
  - Be open to solve any doubts and problems that each chapter may face.
  - Invite the chapters to establish goals for the year.
- Connect latin america Chapters with all AIAS chapters:
  - Make an event with different chapters of latin america at least once a year.

## AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS 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: Juan Diego Cipriano Maya Benítez

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: Thursday November 30th 2023

## **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS 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: Juan Diego Cipriano Maya Benítez

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: Thursday November 30th 2023

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.



## AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS 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): Juan Diego Maya

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Chapter Leadership Position (if any): President

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- o Instagram: juandimaya2503
- o Other: \_\_\_\_\_