

### Experiential Learning: Architecture

In their third and fourth year architecture studio courses, students are required to work with actual clients on projects that can be located on or off campus. The purpose of these studios is to provide the architecture students with the skill needed to work in an architecture firm upon graduation. In FY 2014, the architecture students were required to work with Dr. Sabine O'Hara, Dean of CAUSES to develop a research facility at the UDC Research Farm. The facility was to serve as teaching and research space that would allow UDC to expand its Urban Agriculture training and research activities and house DC residents for more extended training opportunities. The student had to conduct research on the site and develop a site plan. Each student submitted and presented the results of their site plan development to an Architecture Jury consisting of project client and three professional architects.. In FY 2015, the architecture program also conducted research on site development for the P.R. Harris School in S.E. Washington, DC. Students presented their findings at the end of the semester to a professional jury that included two architects from The Netherlands.

The Architectural Research Institute is one of the five landgrant Centers in CAUSES and it has long served as the clinical and professional training arm of UDC undergraduate and graduate program in Architecture and Community Planning. The ARI staff engages students in solving real architectural and design problems. This offers students valuable experience in their chosen field of study in all aspects of pre-design, design and project management. Internships with the ARI are competitive and only the top performing 4th year and graduate students are typically placed in internships. The majority of the projects are provided by the Single Family Program and PADD program of the District Department of Housing and Community Development.

