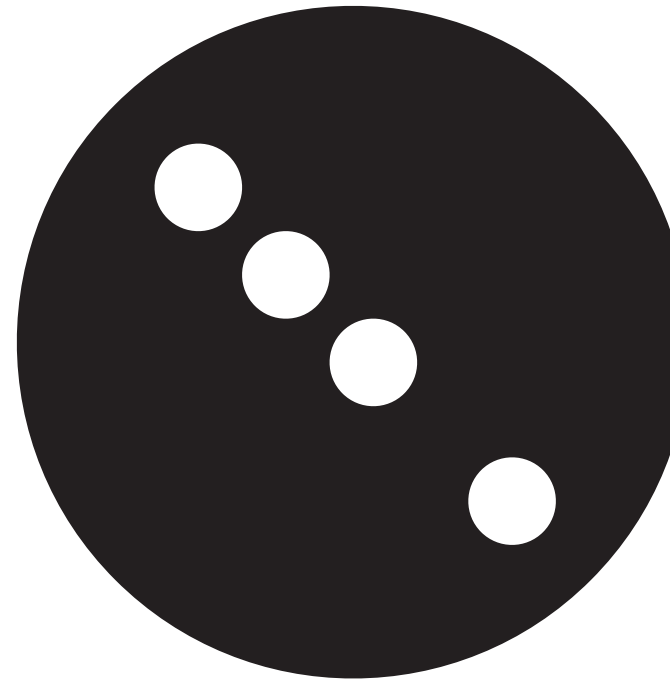
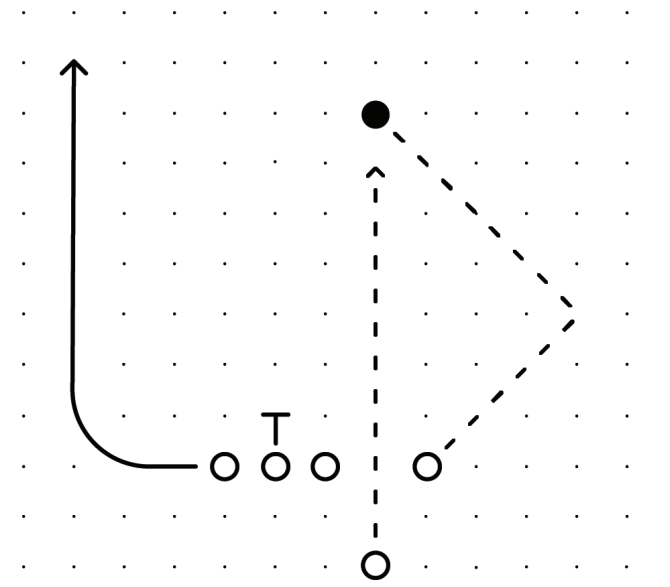


Open City Design Institute is a non-profit branch of STUFF (Studio for Transformative Urban Forms and Fields) that engages the city through public programs, exhibitions, competitions, publications, research, learning and practice.

We believe that tomorrow is defined by new generation of designers and their urban visions. We are committed in building this tomorrow by cross-exposure and cross-exploration of designers, their works, values and visions. We are also interested in strengthening and constructing the city's capacity to value and celebrate design.

MASTER CLASS



OCDI MASTER CLASS

Rationale

The embodied energy and the intellectual/technological/artful capacities of our cities are paramount. Beyond the economic model of our recent past, contemporary cities ought to be engaged as an ecological model, both the material and the immaterial. We take this city as our campus, where learning and living are aligned most directly. On this campus we aim to strengthen the social body, Civitas, its capacity to practice.

Synopsis

The OCDI | MASTER CLASS is a project-based apprenticeship.

Participating design offices/studios become the classroom

The design offices/studios host a set number of apprentices at their work environment as a part of their team

The apprentices experience the work environment and the work assigned within the offices/studios

Mandate

To offer immersive experiences of DESIGN PRACTICE

To experience DESIGN PRACTICE within a specific project context

To strengthen individual and networked capacities of DESIGN PRACTICE

Logistics

MASTERS: post invitations to projects [ongoing]

APPRENTICES: apply to the postings [ongoing]

MASTER-APPRENTICE: interview + selection

APPRENTICESHIP: work at the office/studio as project team [120 HRS or 10HR per week for 12 weeks]

MASTERS: issue letter of recognition

OCDI publishes outcomes of MASTER CLASS [3 times a year]

Registration

Registration + Administration fee \$300 / class. The first class registration fee will be waived. OCDI annual membership will be granted to one or more paid registration.

MASTER CLASS FAQ

How do I get involved?
Email us main@ocdi.info

What do I gain?

Apprentice

Opportunity to work with designers in practice

Opportunity to demonstrate their passion and capacity beyond formal certification

Opportunity to experience the full spectrum of a project in practice

Portfolio of the work worked

Recognition letter from the designer/office acknowledging the apprenticeship, work, capacity and contribution

Master

Introductory work experience with passionate individuals

Connection with a broader design community through the Master-Apprentice relationships

Support towards projects and or project dimensions

Who can apply?

Anyone who can demonstrate their capacity and or passion towards the posted project at the interview can apply. From professionals who wishes to gain experiences in other fields to a high school grad who might have a sharp capacity in some specific area, OCDI | MASTER CLASS is open to all.

Who decides?

Are there any qualification criteria? We believe that the MASTERS (office/studio) are the best persons to discern the capacities and qualifications needed for their posted projects, beyond and above any formal certifications. The MASTER's (office/studio) will have the sole discretion to host the apprentice(s) based on the interview(s).

How many apprenticeship can one take?

An individual can be registered for up to three apprenticeships at any given time.



How does the apprenticeship begin?

The apprenticeship begins only after a successful interview. MASTER informs of their decision to OCDI for registration. Once the registration is in place the apprenticeship begins following the MASTER's instructions towards the project (time/place).

What happens when a project does not attract any application?

The application-interview process will continue until a successful apprenticeship is initiated. The status of the project will remain 'posted' unless the MASTER wishes to take it down and/or update it.

What is our [MASTER/ APPRENTICE] responsibility during the apprenticeship?

The MASTER will direct and oversee the work of the apprentice throughout the apprenticeship, not unlike a guide towards a new staff. The APPRENTICE will follow specific instructions and guides rendered by the MASTER for the project.

We/I [MASTER] don't have a project that could fit this program at this time. Can we/I join later?

Yes. The MASTER CLASS can be installed at anytime when you have a project that suits well to host apprentices. You can install multiple classes as projects emerge at your work front.

We/I [MASTER] don't have a typical 'office'. Can it still work?

Yes. Your work environment is your classroom. This can be a typical office or studio, or a job site, a space at your house or a cafe. Immersive experience of various forms of design practices is the one of the core intentions of the MASTER CLASS.

How is this different from other 'internships'?

OCDI | MASTER CLASS is fundamentally different from the standard internship model.

Project-specific: Not unlike a project-specific consultant to designer relationship, OCDI | MASTER CLASS is a project-based apprenticeship. Although the APPRENTICES are invited and exposed to the MASTERS' work environments, their involvement and experiences will be directly related to the posted project.

Recognition: The APPRENTICE will be recognized as the project's design team. And their experience and contribution will be recognized by the MASTER with a letter of recognition at the end of the apprenticeship.

Project Portfolio: The project and the project-experience will naturally become a part of the APPRENTICE's design-experience portfolio.

Respectful Exchange: The basic premise of OCDI | MASTER CLASS is that the assumed business (and name-value) of the MASTER of the project and the APPRENTICE offers capacity contribution to the project, as a form of direct exchange.

Can we [MASTER] hire them or offer other experiences?

Yes. The decision to hire or offer any additional exposure experience is upto the MASTER. OCDI | MASTER class will remain its course as assigned and agreed during its time. Anything beyond (i.e. employment) either during or after the apprenticeship is up to the MASTERS and APPRENTICES involved, and will fall beyond the scope of OCDI's administration and responsibility.

Why is it structured as 10 hrs per week or 120 hrs?

OCDI | MASTER CLASS is intended to be an introductory experience, which also has substantive impact on the design project and the practice. We believe 120 hrs will make a significant contribution and enough time to demonstrate one's capacity.