

The Cooper Travel Scholarship

"The word equity is being used a lot, especially in the practice of design," says Kevin Cooper. "Consensus around its meaning is evolving, but equity can be an important step towards equal opportunities."



With that in mind, Mr. Cooper, Founding Partner at Studio Axis in Indianapolis, has generously funded a scholarship intended for student travel, firm visits, internships and other educational experiences at the College of Design.

To achieve equity within an academic community, all students must have a chance to participate in programs and opportunities that will enhance their education and steer them toward rewarding careers. Unfortunately, many students don't have the means to take part in extracurricular activities that require additional expenses. "Looking back on my time in school, I know the value and benefits those opportunities can offer, and I wanted to bring those benefits to a greater number of students," he said.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana and a longtime resident of Indianapolis, Cooper attended Ball State University and became connected to the College of Design through School of Architecture Director Jeffrey Johnson. Along with Johnson, Cooper was one of the founding members of the School's of Architecture's original advisory board.

Founded by Drew White and Kevin Cooper in 1995, Studio Axis serves civic, corporate, healthcare, housing, industrial, and retail clients with a team of dedicated planners, designers, and architects. The firm has been the proud recipient of multiple awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) at both the state and local level. They have recently expanded their operations to the other side of the world in India and Thailand.

We are grateful to have the support of individuals like Kevin Cooper who believe in our mission and support our students.



Scholarship Campaign

TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Studio Axis



The College of Design at the
University of Kentucky
design.uky.edu/newbuilding