

The Illuminating Engineering Society of Los Angeles and Orange County (IES QC/LA) is sponsoring a six week Summer Observership Program open to lighting, architecture interior design, or electrical engineering students enrolled at accredited colleges or universities in the Los Angeles or Orange County metropolitan area. Candidates will be selected based on a combination of advisor recommendations, application and in-person interview with members of the IES LA and OC Boards.

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The IES LA/OC Observership Program provides candidates with an opportunity to spend time observing and participating in real world aspects of the professional lighting construction industry. IES Member companies participate in and support the observer through a 6 weeklong residency, inviting each observer to experience a week or two weeks in the life of their company; presenting a roadmap of the overall lighting construction industry.

This year includes a special arrangement with the nonprofit Light Equity, which will host Los Angeles students for the first two weeks. During this period, students will participate in Light Equity's initiatives.

Candidates will work with the daily schedules set forth by the host companies' program coordinator and observe all aspects of each of these components.

Further, upon the completion of the Observership program, the student will provide a short Program Summary describing the features and benefits of each of the components in relation to their career objectives.



# SUMMER OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

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## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Participants will be financially compensated for their participation in the program to total \$3,600. Compensation will be distributed every two weeks with final payment upon the Boards receipt of a completed Program Summary.

## TIMELINE

**April 24, 2026:** Applications Due

**May 1, 2026:** Candidate Interviews

**May 8, 2026:** Final Candidate Selection

**July 13 - August 28, 2026:** Observership Program



## APPLICATIONS

All applications must be received by the Observership Committee by April 18th to be determined. Please see all application instructions and documents below. Submit completed Application Form along with other related documents to:

**[rlund@kirlinlighting.com](mailto:rlund@kirlinlighting.com)**

AND

**[hratafia@hrlightingdesign.com](mailto:hratafia@hrlightingdesign.com)**

Application deadline is April 24th. Final student Observer selections will be made no later than May 8, following in-person interviews to be conducted the week prior.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [ieslainternshipchair@gmail.com](mailto:ieslainternshipchair@gmail.com).

## Past LA/OC County Participating companies:

Visual Terrain  
KGM Architectural Lighting Lighting Design  
Alliance Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design  
ALD Lighting  
AlfaTech  
Creative Engineering Group  
MPA  
SCI  
Kinetic Lighting  
Elite Lighting U.S.A.  
All-Phase Electric Supply  
PLP SOCAL  
Prudential  
Cerno  
Liton  
ANP  
Apparatus Los Angeles  
Neptune Glassworks  
LPA Design Studios  
Walters Electric  
Midwest  
P2S Engineering  
Performance OC  
Salas O'brien