

# SCI-ARC

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## ***SCI-Arc receives official STEM designation***



**Los Angeles, CA (March 16, 2018)** – SCI-Arc is excited to announce that SCI-Arc's [B.Arch](#), [M.Arch 1](#), [M. Arch 2](#) and [Master of Science](#) degree programs have been designated as an approved field of study within the U.S. government's official STEM fields list in Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology.

The STEM designation refers to the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM designation will allow highly skilled international students who graduate from SCI-Arc in the above programs of study, to apply for the 24 month OPT extension and possibly remain in the U.S. for a maximum of 36 months on the F-1 visa.

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**About SCI-Arc**

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) is dedicated to educating architects who will imagine and shape the future. It is an independent, accredited degree-granting institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture. Located in a quarter-mile-long former freight depot in the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles, the school is distinguished by its vibrant studio culture and emphasis on process. SCI-Arc's approximately 500 students and 80 faculty members, most of whom are practicing architects, work together to re-examine assumptions, create, explore and test the

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limits of architecture. SCI-Arc faculty and leadership have garnered more than 500 national and international design awards and recognitions, including Progressive Architecture awards, American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards, and the prestigious Jencks and Pritzker architecture prizes. U.S. DesignIntelligence recently ranked SCI-Arc #4 in Graduate Programs Most Admired by Deans and Chairs in its *2018 America's Best Architecture Schools* survey. SCI-Arc's Undergraduate program ranked #8 in the *DesignIntelligence* 2018 survey. SCI-Arc is located at 960 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. [www.sciarc.edu](http://www.sciarc.edu)