WHAT IS RAMP?
The Rice Architecture Mentoring Program (RAMP) exists to empower students at the Rice School of Architecture to take control of their future careers and to translate the learnings from the RSA into a lifetime of achievement.

HOW DOES RAMP DO THIS?
RAMP engages students, alumni, and affiliated community members in four strategic ways:

1) Mentoring Program

   The very heart and soul of RAMP is connecting students with alumni and fostering relationships that benefit both the alumni mentor and especially the student. This relationship gives the student an outlet to ask professional and industry specific questions and allows the alumni mentors an opportunity to pour into the next generation of leaders in the field.

2) Guest Lectures // Panel Discussions

   At least twice a semester, RAMP hosts a guest lecture that provide insights into industry specific topics or related career paths for architecture students. These lectures are structured so that the students have ample time to engage the speaker in a lively discussion following their brief talk.
3) Workshops

*At least once a year RAMP hosts a workshop to help prepare students for the professional world at large. This workshop includes resume and portfolio review with industry guests, talks on interview techniques, and mock interviews. The workshop takes place in January of each year, preparing students for internships or full-time employment for the coming summer.*

4) Office Visits

*At least twice a semester, RAMP coordinates office visits to local practices. We will visit one large firm and one small firm allowing students to get a glimpse into different environments ranging in practice areas and to further engage with practicing architects.*

**WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT?**

RAMP Mentors are an asset to the school and to the student body. We know that you have a busy schedule and that your time is valuable. We ask that you be willing to commit to four in-person meetings per academic year. Examples of these meetings are attending a lecture together, visiting the student’s studio or inviting them to your office, or just meeting them for a cup of coffee at the Brochstein Pavilion. We also ask that you be willing to field periodic phone calls and/or emails with questions from your student.

As the primary beneficiaries, the students have a responsibility to initiate these meetings. RAMP will host a kick-off event where we introduce you to your student(s). This is the perfect opportunity to schedule many of these meetings! Please come to this meeting with your schedule handy.

Should you have any questions about the RAMP Mentoring experience, or have any suggestions or thoughts, please contact Scott Key (M. Arch candidate ’15) at sak6@rice.edu. Also, visit our brand new RAMP website at http://arch.rice.edu/ramp/