



## **Outside the Region: Pickard Chilton named a 2018 AIA N.E. Emerging Professional Friendly Firm**

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New Haven, CT Pickard Chilton has been recognized by AIA New England as a 2018 AIA New England Emerging Professional Friendly Firm. Pickard Chilton was presented with the honor at the 2018 AIA New England Design Awards Celebration on October 12 at the Boston Society of Architect's BSA Space in Boston.

"Pickard Chilton is committed to supporting and advancing our emerging professionals, all of whom share enormous talent and a deep passion for architecture," said Pickard Chilton principal William Chilton FAIA.

"Providing meaningful opportunities for mentorship, growth, and exploration is extremely valuable for these designers, the studio and our profession at large."

Sponsored by New England's young architect regional director and regional associates director, the Emerging Professional Friendly Firm award recognizes firms that display commitment to the development of emerging professionals within their staff. AIA New England defines an emerging professional as a student, recent graduate or architect licensed within the past 10 years. The candidates were judged on criteria such as mentoring, involvement in professional organizations, education and certifications, diversity, projects, and other factors. Pickard Chilton received a total of 35 of the required 30 points to be named an Emerging Professionals Friendly Firm in the medium size firm category.

A strong ethic of teaching and mentorship runs through Pickard Chilton, which strives to create a collaborative studio environment where learning is integral to the achievement of results. In addition to frequent studio design critiques with principals and senior level staff, innovative programs and opportunities created specifically for emerging professionals include: the Pickard Chilton Traveling Fellowship; Greenbuild Ambassador Program; and, financial support for achieving professional licensure as well as LEED and WELL accreditation.

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