



TOPOGRAPHIC VOIDS

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Topographic voids proposes a model of verticalization of the traditional Latin American neighborhoods and explores a new vertical landscaping system: The project is built on a modular wooden structure that grows in connection with the vertical development process of the city. A series of voids are generated in the structure on which various biomes that recreate some Colombian thermal floors are proposed, so the project explores a new way of inserting natural scenarios in an architectural body.

On the other hand, the project proposes to re-signify the carpentry and joinery work typical of the place of intervention through the consolidation of a large laboratory for an alternative exploration of wood: a central programmatic core is proposed where classrooms, workshops, and other spaces are located (dedicated to the treatment of the material) which is complemented with a social, communal and residential program that is inserted in the periphery of the structural core.

Dear juries and IE University Community,

IE's Master in Strategic Interior Design (MSID) program offers a new perspective on conventional interior design based on the integration of new technologies, supported by study trips and immersion in various fields outside of architecture that constitute an interesting formative program that could significantly contribute to my training as a professional. Understanding the importance of the cultural dimension in IE University programs, I believe that I can be a fundamental piece in the contribution of new knowledge since as a Colombian and Latin American I have a different perspective not only of architecture but of society that could result in an interesting exchange not only academic but cultural.

This opportunity would allow me to share all my knowledge and learning with people from all over the world, which would give us the possibility of developing unusual projects and knowledge that set the standard for new ways of doing architecture. In addition, it would not only allow my evolution as a student but also contribute to my personal growth by having the opportunity to discover a new culture for me, new countries, and interesting places that surely have thousands of things to offer.

I hope that my project and application are to your liking.

Best regards,

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