

Design Summer Associate

Position Opening

Public Architecture, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is seeking candidate for up to three (3) summer associate positions to support our fulltime professional staff of four.

Public Architecture is the leading national advocate for pro bono and public interest design. Our organization, design campaigns, and pro bono service program have been the subject of extensive press and a National Geographic Channel documentary as well as featured in a number of exhibitions, including the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum's recent "Design for the Other 90%" exhibition. Our design campaigns are combinations of prototypical design projects and comprehensive advocacy initiatives that work together to provide responsive solutions to issues of broad social relevance.

The Design Summer Associate will report to the Design Campaign Manager.

Core Responsibilities

Design Support (35%)

- Graphics development (e.g., renderings, model making, layout, presentation)
- CAD production

Research Support (50%)

- Conduct material, policy, product, and related research regarding Public Architecture's design campaign areas
- Research foundations, corporations, government entities, and other potential funders and partners

Additional Duties (15%)

- Assist in design campaign advocacy and outreach efforts
- Provide additional research, graphic, and administrative support for the overall organization when needed

Required Experience & Skills

- Current candidates in an MArch program or in year 4-5 of a BArch program or equivalent;
- Outstanding organizational, administrative, and analytical skills, with excellent attention to detail;
- A strong interest in, and commitment to, Public Architecture's mission and activities;
- Solid writing and editing skills;
- Computer literacy in a PC/Windows environment, including MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Creative Suite, and Autocad.
- 3D rendering and/or html code experience a plus.

Duration

8-10 weeks during summer months

Location

Public Architecture's office is located in San Francisco's South of Market area.

Compensation

Public Architecture requires that all summer associates have funding from their academic institution or similar entity. Many schools offer community or public service grants that allow students to work in a community-oriented or nonprofit environment. Previous summer associates with Public Architecture have received support from the Harvard Graduate School of Design Community Service Fellowship, Smith College Praxis Program, Vanderbilt University Ingram Fellowship Program, UC Berkeley Judith Stronach Fellowship, and University of Virginia Externship Program. Information on such grants is generally available through departmental, financial, or career service offices. If needed, Public Architecture can provide a letter of support to aid in the grant application process.

Application Process

All application materials must be received no later than 5pm on Friday, March 14, 2008. Required materials include a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and design work portfolio or samples. Materials should be addressed to Milton Marks, Acting Executive Director, Public Architecture, 1211 Folsom Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. All materials should be submitted by email to milton@publicarchitecture.org with "Design Summer Associate application" as the subject of your email. A single PDF is preferred. Please limit file size to less than 5MB. All applications will be acknowledged by email. A short-list of candidates will be interviewed by phone, unless local. Final determination will be made no later than April 15, 2008.

3 Reasons Why You Should Consider this Position*Great team.*

You will be joining unique organization comprised of top design industry leaders who have chosen to use their skills and passions to serve traditionally overlooked or underserved populations—and are inspiring throngs of others to do the same.

Great environment.

Public Architecture shares a breathtaking warehouse space overlooking the San Francisco skyline with the architecture firm that founded the organization, a graphic design firm, and two marketing and PR consultants.

Great location.

Public Architecture is located in the heart of San Francisco's South of Market area, one block off I-80 and just three blocks from the Civic Center BART/MUNI station.