



Architecture Work Experience Placement at the Royal Academy July 2019 - 40 hours a week for 2 weeks

The Architecture Department at the Royal Academy are offering a two-week placement, to assist with curatorial research, marketing and architecture events. If you are an architecture student or graduate, or just have a passion for arts and architecture, this opportunity may be for you.

Please note that this is an unpaid opportunity but travel expenses will be covered up to a maximum of £12 per day. Proof of travel is required.

About the Royal Academy

The Royal Academy of Arts (RA) is one of the UK's foremost arts institution, famous for its world class exhibitions including Van Gogh, Anish Kapoor, and David Hockney. Its purpose is to be a clear, strong voice for art and artists. Its public programme promotes the creation, study and enjoyment of art and architecture to a wide range of audiences through exhibitions, education and debate.

Architecture has been at the heart of the Royal Academy since its foundation in 1768, with the first Treasurer, Sir William Chambers. Our Royal Academicians – from John Soane and Edwin Lutyens, to David Adjaye and Zaha Hadid – have always comprised the leading architects of their generation. Architecture also has a central place in the RA's collection and exhibition programme. From exquisite architectural drawings to an intriguing assortment of classical casts, our collection contains numerous architectural treasures. Our world-leading exhibition programme has seen ground-breaking architectural shows such as Foster, Rogers, Stirling (1986), Living Bridges (1996) and more recently Andrea Palladio: His Life and Legacy (2009), Richard Rogers (2013) and Sensing Spaces (2014). While for the past 250 years architects have played their part in the annual Summer Exhibition exhibiting works alongside artists.

Building from its unique position within an artist-led institution, the Architecture Programme aims to both inspire the profession and deepen the public's understanding of architecture. Overseen by architect Royal Academicians and curated by a specialist team, the programme has grown over the past 20 years to offer a platform for rigorous debate, provocative ideas and creative thinking that explores architecture's interactions with other forms of art. Whether for audiences of 15 or 1,500, the programme consistently pushes boundaries and raises fresh thinking – establishing the RA as a centre for furthering the appreciation and understanding of architecture.

The role

This role provides an exciting opportunity to work with the Royal Academy's Architecture Department and gain experience and insight into a specific area of work within a major London arts institution.

This placement offers a chance to assist the curatorial team with research, support the general marketing strategy for the Architecture programme and help with the delivery of events, including the Annual Architecture Lecture. You will be working with the Architecture Projects and Awards Manager during this placement.

It is expected that the placement will give you the opportunity to develop valuable skills alongside the RA's experienced staff including writing, critical thinking, researching, event planning and fact-checking.

What is the time commitment?

The role will last for two weeks, from Monday 8 July until Friday 19 July. During this time, you will be expected to come in for 40 hours a week.

What are we looking for?

You may be a recent graduate, an architecture student or someone with an interest in the arts and architecture.

The role would be well-suited to someone who is currently undertaking a degree in architecture but wishes to widen their knowledge, undertake further structured research and writing, or gain experience of working within an arts institution.

It may also be well-matched for a candidate looking to gain further experience of roles outside traditional architectural practice.

For the full placement description, including the list of duties, please see the next page of this document.

How to apply

To apply, please complete an Expression of Interest Form and send this, along with your CV, to volunteering@royalacademy.org.uk

The deadline for applications is **Friday 21st June** at midnight.

Informal interviews will take place on the week commencing Monday 1st July 2019.

PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

DEPARTMENT: Architecture Department, Artistic Programmes
REPORTS TO: Architecture Projects and Awards Manager

Main objectives

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- Assist the curatorial team with research for the Programme and related activities including identifying potential speakers for events.
- Support the marketing strategy of the architecture programme through social media channels including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram alongside Architecture Programme Assistant.
- Help with the smooth running and delivery of the evening events.
- Assist with day-to-day administrative tasks involved in the running of the programme.
- Update our marketing databases.

Personal specification

Ideally you will have:

- An interest in and knowledge of architecture (historical or contemporary)
- Enthusiasm for learning about curatorial practice and collections management
- Computer literate (Microsoft word, internet)
- Familiarised with social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
- Good organisational skills
- Attentive to detail
- Able to use own initiative and work independently as well as part of a team
- Good communication skills and ability to work with the public
- Fluent in languages other than English (desirable, but not required)