

Role summary

We believe the best architecture comes from a synthesis of all the elements that separately comprise and inform the character of a building: the structure that holds it up; the services that allow it to function; its ecology; the quality of natural light; the symbolism of the form; the relationship of the building to the skyline or the streetscape; the way you move through or around it; and last but not least its ability to lift the spirits.

Role definition

Job Title: Architectural Assistant (Part II or Equivalent)

Reporting to: Project Leader of the current project on a day to day basis and ultimately to the Senior Partner

Responsibilities

- Prepare, develop and edit, under the guidance of the project leader or nominated architect, drawings, models, images and other documents relating to the design
- Where appropriate, assisting with Client Liaison in conjunction with other professionals to establish building type, style, cost limitations and potential landscaping requirements.
- Where necessary conducts potential studies on condition and characteristics of site, taking into account drainage, topsoil, trees, rock formations, etc.
- If required - analysing the site survey in conjunction with project leader and advises client on development and construction details taking into account the surrounding areas.
- Where appropriate monitors construction work in progress to ensure compliance with specifications.
- Seek to understand the design project
- Develop, where required, representations of design options for further discussion by the design team.
- Record evidence of your professional experience in accordance with the requirements of the RIBA (or equivalent as applicable e.g. AIA)
- Thorough knowledge of and compliance with Foster + Partners procedures and standards
- Contribute, or otherwise assist, as required by the Partner, Senior Partner or nominated Architect

Qualities and skills required

- Able to demonstrate ability to undertake the above responsibilities
- Legally able to work in the country in which the position is based
- Evidence of a good design understanding e.g. a good design portfolio
- Ability to use a variety of media in the development and documentation of a design project
- A flexible and open attitude towards new ways of working and commitment to independent, lifelong learning
- Excellent organisational skills
- Excellent Revit skills are essential

- Able to manage sensitive and sometimes confidential information
- Self-motivated and able to demonstrate initiative and a proactive approach to daily tasks and in response to direction or instruction
- Good interpersonal skills and able to work independently and as part of an effective team, assisting and supporting team members
- Able to build good relationships at all levels, internally and externally
- Resilient to cope with conflicting demands, able to prioritise duties and work effectively under pressure and meet deadlines efficiently and effectively budget
- Evidence of the ability to understand design decisions taken by others

Desirable

Ability to use some of the following: PhotoShop, Illustrator, InDesign, Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer

This description reflects the core activities of the role but is not intended to be all-inclusive and other duties within the group/department may be required in addition to changes in the emphasis of duties as required from time to time. There is a requirement for the post holder to recognise this and adopt a flexible approach to work. Job descriptions will be reviewed regularly and where necessary revised in accordance with organisational needs. Any major changes will be discussed with the post holder.

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