

Urban Design/Planning Intern job description

We are hiring!

About the role

Are you an architect, urban designer or planning student or in the middle of a career change and interested in making an impact through your work, passionate about sustainable urban development and participatory design and policy, and looking for a thoughtful and engaging internship experience that will help you develop professionally as an urban designer and/or planner?

If this sounds like you, send us your resume and portfolio to internships@skdo.in for an urban design/planning internship by **April 30th, 2024**. This is a minimum 3 month internship offered by SKDO in collaboration with [PLUS](#) in Chennai. During this time, you will be working primarily on community-focused, participatory and locally based projects with a direct impact on the end-users and communities who are the primary stakeholders.

Qualifications

- Strong process-oriented urban design or planning portfolio that shows an engagement with concepts and approaches in sustainable urban development
- Strong research and writing skills; should be able to prepare memos, briefs, concept notes and summarise research in the course of work
- Architecture students or recent graduates interested in urban design are encouraged to apply.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills and collaborative mindset with a passion for participatory and community design
- Detail-oriented and self-starter with ability to work independently and in teams
- **Skills:** AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe illustrator and Photoshop.
- No prior experience in urban design or planning required; should be available for a minimum of 3 months
- Experience in qualitative research methods is a plus
- Position is full-time and in-person at the office

Remuneration

This is a paid internship, and a monthly stipend of between 12000-15000 INR will be provided for the duration of the internship commensurate with experience and skills.

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- Assisting principal architect and project lead with preliminary case study research and survey testing and rollout

- Undertaking site documentation and character study as part of design research as part of the project team
- Producing preliminary concept sketches/notes and working iteratively with stakeholders as part of the project team
- Assisting the project lead in designing, testing, refining and rolling out participatory design methods and tools
- Conducting stakeholder workshops and interviews
- Preparing drawings as part of design documentation and mapping as part of high-level visioning
- Checking for formatting and typographical errors on all client presentations and on all assigned work

Who we are

SKDO is an award-winning mission-led sustainable architecture and planning firm working across sectors and geographies within India. We design **climate-sensitive, hand-crafted and user-centric** built environments in dialogue with stakeholders ranging from clients, end-users, vendors, and craftspeople. We are a small team of designers and architects across two cities, and we believe in the power of design to create better outcomes for us and our planet. Since 2016, SKDO has delivered projects that directly address the urgent problems facing our planet: the transition to a low-carbon economy, dealing with climate risks at an architectural scale through resilient infrastructure integrated seamlessly with the built environment, and the incorporation of social sustainability through deep engagement with heritage, craft and participatory design.

Read about the SKDO work culture [here](#)

Public Landscape and Urbanism Studio (**PLUS**) is a collaborative design practice offering **landscape design, master planning, and ecological design** services to clients worldwide.

PLUS brings together knowledge from the disciplines of architecture, planning, and landscape architecture to create a variety of projects ranging from small pocket parks to large campuses, mixed-use projects, urban corridors, and regional plans.

At PLUS, we focus on **research and innovation** so we can bring the best sustainable practices to our projects. Our ecological approach to landscape design improves the aesthetics of the project and its ecosystem. The lives and experiences of users are enriched by the social benefits created through our designs. We strive to address the impending environmental crises arising from climate change, rising sea levels, and rapid urbanization.

Our hands-on and **empathetic approach** to each project guides us in providing unique and innovative design solutions for our clients. We pay a great deal of attention to creating distinctive and successful projects.