COLUMBIA GSAPP

CAREER SERVICES

2020 EMPLOYMENT DATA

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE
M.S. ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
M.S. ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN
CLASS OF 2020 RESULTS

156 out of 261 graduates

60% Response Rate

Current Employment Status

91% Full Time

9% Part Time
**Respondents’ Degree Program**

- M.S. Advanced Architectural Design: 40%
- Master of Architecture: 28%
- M.S. Architecture & Urban Design: 21%
- Dual Degrees: 11%

**Students’ Nationalities**

- USA: 45%
- China: 28%
- Other: 10%
- Canada: 9%
- Hong Kong: 8%
- UK: 8%
- Turkey: 7%
- Singapore: 6%
- New Zealand: 5%
- South Korea: 4%
- France: 3%
- India: 3%
- Jordan: 3%
- Nigeria: 3%
- Brazil: 3%
- Australia: 3%
- Other: 2%

- Total: 50%
JOB OFFER RECEIVED AFTER GRADUATION

- 1–2 Months: 29%
- 3–4 Months: 14%
- 5–6 Months: 13%
- 7–8 Months: 9%
- 8+ Months: 40%
- 1–2 Years: 36%
- 3–4 Years: 16%
- 5–7 Years: 6%
- 8–10 Years: 2%
- >1 Year: 40%

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BEFORE GSAPP

- 1–2 Months: 29%
- 3–4 Months: 16%
- 5–7 Years: 6%
- 8–10 Years: 2%
- >1 Year: 40%
- 1–2 Years: 36%
RESOURCES USED FOR JOB HUNTING

- Columbia CCE Website
- Recruitment Firm
- Alumni Mentor
- Linkedin
- Position on Engage
- Referral/Introduction
- Peers
- Cold Calling/Emails
- Company Website
- Architecture Job Sites
- GSAPP Career Services

$60,000
$90,000
AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY & WORK EXPERIENCE

- $53,000 (> 1 Year)
- $52,000 (1-2 Years)
- $66,000 (3-4 Years)
- $66,000 (5-7 Years)
- $75,000 (8-10 Years)
- $110,000 (11+ Years)
**TYPES OF FIRMS**

- Private Firm: 90%
- Publicly Traded: 3%
- Self-Employed: 3%
- Educational Institution: 1%
- Non-Profit: 1%
- Federal Local Government: 2%

**SECTOR OF INDUSTRY**

- Architecture: 80%
- Urban Design: 9%
- Academic Research/Publishing: 3%
- Technology/Start-Up: 2%
- Other Industries: 6%

**ARE YOU WORKING AT THE SAME FIRM BEFORE GSAPP?**

- Yes: 5%
- No: 95%

Other Industries 6% (Each 1%):
- Landscape Architecture
- Lighting Design
- Urban Planning
- Consulting
- Acquisitions
- Engineering
LIST OF EMPLOYERS
(hired more than 2 graduates)
+ Beyer Blinder Belle Architects
+ BIG
+ Coen + Partners
+ Ennead Architects
+ Fogarty Finger Architects
+ Foster & Partners
+ Gensler
+ Handel Architects
+ HKS
+ KPF
+ Marvel Architects
+ Oneil Langan Architects

OTHER FIRMS
+ AECOM
+ AESOP
+ Asymptote
+ Dattner Architects
+ Gehl
+ Perkins Eastman
+ Pliskin
+ Ramsa
+ Shop Architects
+ SOM
+ Studio Link Arc
+ Woods Bagot
+ WRT

JOB TITLES

Architectural Designer 20%
Junior Architect 17%
Urban Designer 7%
Junior Designer 7%


C: Junior Architectural Designer, Project Manager, Intern Architect, Project Architect
SOFTWARE MOST VALUED

1. Adobe Creative Suite
2. Rhino
3. Autocad
4. Revit
5. Vray
6. GIS
7. Sketchup
8. Excel Financial Modeling

PROFESSIONAL SATISFACTION

Most Satisfied

1. 8
2. 7
3. 6
4. 5
5. 4
6. 3
7. 2
8. 1

Least Satisfied