Career: Architecture

Architecture is a diverse field that involves the design of all aspects of the built environment from individual buildings and spaces to the design of cities and urban infrastructures. The education of an architect requires study in the design of forms and spaces, history and cultural theory, construction technology and computer modeling. It is an accredited education leading directly to employment in the field and an examination to become a registered architect. Many architects open their own firms and receive public and private building commissions. With their diverse, professional training there are also opportunities in the public sector and the construction and entertainment industries. Architects are often called upon to provide leadership and creativity for ecological studies, master planning for companies and institutions, computer imaging, landscape design and interior design. Pratt offers an education that encourages the development of such vision by stimulating imagination and creativity in the unique culture of the architectural design studio. This dynamic environment is combined with rigorous professional and theoretical studies, including a rapidly expanding Electronic Design Studio, and a broad selection of courses in building technology, cultural theory and urban studies. The curriculum at Pratt reflects the dynamic character of the profession, exposing students to an experimental design culture while training them as leaders in the creation of buildings, spaces and cities.

Some Employers of Pratt Alumni

*Scarano & Associates Architects
Skidmore Owings & Merrill
*HLW
Gwathmy Siegel
Richard Meier
Pei, Cobb, Freed
Robert A.M. Stern

Conklin Rossant
NYC Transit Authority
Tod Williams & Billie Tsien
Bernard Tschumi
Port Authority
* Hillier
NYC Transit Authority

*Gensler
Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer
Steven Holl
Con Edison
*Perkins and Will
Ehrenkrantz and Eckstut
Helmuth, Obata &
Kassabaum

Profile of a Successful Graduate

Having worked in various situations prior to graduation, James was very active on campus as a Senator to SGA and organizer of several clubs. After graduation, he continued to work with his part-time employer, an engineering firm, and four years later opened his own firm that now has over 60 employees and offers architectural, interior design and construction services. He credits his extra-curricular involvement and graduate business courses for his success in running a very successful office.

Bottom Line

Entry Level Average Starting Salary:
B.Arch: $43,000--$48,000
M.Arch: $50,000--$55,000

Special Characteristics:
Architecture is a respected profession similar to law and medicine. It requires leadership qualities and a professional demeanor.

The Office of Career Services lists over 4000 jobs annually. We offer career counseling and job referrals for those entering their professional field as well as general art-related jobs for those still developing portfolios. In addition, a number of companies come each year to interview students for internships and permanent positions.

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