

Urban Strategies is a Toronto-based Urban Design and Planning consultancy with approximately 65 staff from diverse professional backgrounds including architecture, economics, landscape architecture, planning, public administration and the visual arts. This diversity allows us to meaningfully integrate planning and design to evolve and transform communities. Our work occurs at many differing scales and in many diverse places, and includes the preparation of community and institutional master plans, downtown revitalization strategies, waterfront renewal, development planning and policy plans. We have clients across North America, in the UK, the Caribbean and Asia. We are located on the top floor of a sunlit, post-and-beam former knitting factory at Queen W. and Spadina Ave, in Downtown Toronto. We have a strong reputation for great work, great people, and great coffee (technically next door at Dark Horse).

We currently have an opening for a talented Urban Designer.

Position and Responsibilities

The position of Urban Designer requires a professional accredited degree in architecture, landscape architecture, and/or urban design. Professional qualifications with the OAA or OALA are not necessary but encouraged.

Urban designers are responsible for design and problem solving associated with urban design assignments at a variety of scales in urban and rural environments. Specific tasks will include:

- Conceptual and detailed design and the production of related graphics materials;
- Production of diagrams or graphic representations conveying key themes or concepts;
- Creation of hand and computer generated presentation drawings or computer models;
- Physical analysis conveying specific opportunities and constraints of a project;
- Layout, drafting and refinement of urban design plans and concepts at a variety of scales;
- Report and proposal layout and production;
- Liaise as necessary with suppliers, printing houses, etc.;
- Facilitation at community consultation events;
- Travel to work assignments outside Toronto.

The position requires proficiency in communication techniques including excellent hand drawing skills and a solid knowledge of contemporary CAD and graphic software including Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Archicad, PowerPoint and other drafting, graphic design and layout software. GIS expertise is also a strong advantage. An introduction to and training on software used by the firm will be part of the probationary term for all permanent and contract employees.

Urban designers will work on a number of design and planning assignments, typically in project teams comprising other Urban Designers, Planners, Graphic Designers, Associates, Principals and Partners. An ability to work collaboratively as part of a team is essential.

At Urban Strategies, we believe that success happens where new ideas can flourish. As an equal opportunity employer, we know that an environment that fosters diversity and inclusion can access the untapped potential that lies in our workforce and stimulate innovation. Please visit our website [www.urbanstrategies.com] to learn more about our firm.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume and portfolio of related design work (PDF) to the link on our website: <http://www.urbanstrategies.com/contact/#joinourteam>. Please do not send online portfolios. Individual web sites are not conducive to our group review process.