

Urban Strategies is a leading international planning and urban design firm, based in Toronto, Canada. We have over 70 permanent 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 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, Europe, the Caribbean and Asia. We are located on the top floors of a sunlit, post-and-beam former knitting factory at Queen Street W. and Spadina Ave, in downtown Toronto. We have a strong reputation for great work, great people, and great coffee.

Position

We are currently looking for a talented **Senior Urban Planner**.

Urban Strategies Inc. is seeking dynamic individuals to join Canada's leading planning and urban design firm as Senior Urban Designers, responsible for the direction, design and problem solving associated with urban design projects and studies at a variety of scales in urban and rural environments. Collaborating closely with the firm's Partners and Principals, successful candidates will take a leading role in the design and management of projects as well as the management and training of staff. It is expected that they will eventually liaise directly with clients and be involved in project acquisition supporting the goal of maintaining and growing our already highly successful business.

The position of Senior Urban Designer requires a professional accredited Master's degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and/or Urban Design and Professional registration with either the OAA or OALA, or equivalent transferable professional registration. Applicants should have a minimum of five years' experience.

The role includes:

- Conceptual and detailed urban design and the creation of diagrams or graphics conveying key themes and concepts.
- Urban design analysis conveying specific physical opportunities and constraints of a project.
- Direction, mentoring and management of staff in the production of CAD modeling, graphics, written reports, document layout and other materials.
- Preparation of presentations and other materials for communication with clients and project stakeholders.
- Proposal and report writing, including conceptual directions, design guidelines and other narratives describing the vision and intent of a project.
- Management of project budgets and timelines.
- Meeting facilitation within the office, with clients and at community consultation events.
- Occasional travel to work assignments outside Toronto.
- Attend and present concepts as required at client/public meetings.

The position requires proficiency in communication techniques including excellent hand drawing skills and a solid knowledge of contemporary CAD and graphic software including the Adobe Creative Suite, ArchiCad, PowerPoint and other drafting, graphic design and layout software. An introduction to and training on software used by the firm will be provided.

Senior Urban Designers will work on a number of design and planning assignments generally in project teams comprised of other Urban Designers, Planners, Associates, and Partners. An ability to work collaboratively as part of a team is essential. Urban Strategies is a privately-owned urban planning and design consulting firm based in Toronto, undertaking projects around the globe. We balance work for both the public and private sectors, pursuing strategic approaches to city building. We are a professional practice and an entrepreneurial and opportunistic business which operates in dynamic and rapidly evolving markets both at home and abroad. The firm is managed by its 13 Partners, who are supported by a team of approximately 60 professionals and support staff.

Our Values:

- Foster a reputation for excellence and insight;
- Strive for high quality and innovation in the work that we do;
- Do work that we enjoy and feel passionately about;
- Operate a profitable business and grow new markets;
- Strive to make decisions based on mutual understanding and consensus;
- Promote collaboration and teamwork in our firm and with the people we work with;
- Support an environment of continual learning and mentorship;
- Use our knowledge, skills and resources to tackle issues or support causes we believe in.

In short, we seek to work hard, collaborate, have fun, and create better urban environments.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume (PDF) to hr@urbanstrategies.com or click on the link Apply
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