

Urban Strategies is a leading international planning and urban design firm, based in Toronto, Canada. We have over 70 permanent staff, counting 13 partners, from diverse professional backgrounds including architecture, economics, landscape architecture, planning, public administration and the visual arts. Our 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 have a strong reputation for great work, great people, and great coffee.

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 are currently seeking a dynamic **Senior Urban Designer**.

You will be 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 our team. 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 ideal candidate 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.
- 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.

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 our team is essential.

In short, our ideal candidate will be collaborative, fun, and creative in their desire to produce innovative urban environments.

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 to learn more about our firm.

To apply, please send your cover letter and resume (PDF) to hr@urbanstrategies.com or click on the link [Apply Now](#) on our website.