

Harshitha Damodaran

Architectural Design Technician



Harshitha is an Architectural Design Technician with a background in Architecture and Planning. She has a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Waterloo, where her research focused on urban form resilience and nature-based solutions. As an architect, she has worked on a variety of projects across scales and cities, from small-scale residential and commercial projects to large-scale residential developments and University Master Plans. At Urban Strategies, Harshitha works closely with BIM Specialists, urban designers and planners to advance and convey elements of the built environment. She is currently working on a number of projects including the Master Plan of Downsview Lands, the Master Plan of Scarborough Town Centre and various other development applications in the Greater Toronto Area.

EDUCATION

2021

Master of Environmental Studies, Planning
University of Waterloo
Waterloo, ON

2016

Bachelor of Architecture
Anna University
Chennai, India

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2021 - Present Architectural Design Technician, Urban Strategies Inc.
2020 - 2021 Planning Intern, Urban Strategies Inc.
2019 - 2020 Creative Director, Imprint Publications, University of Waterloo
2018 - 2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Waterloo
2017 - 2018 Junior Architect, Colliers International, Chennai, India
2015 Intern Architect, Force4 Architects, Copenhagen, Denmark
2014 Intern Architect, Murali Architects, Chennai, India

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2021 - Present Downsview Framework Plan, Toronto, ON
2021 - Present Scarborough Town Centre Master Plan and Approvals, Toronto, ON
2020 East Harbour Master Plan and Approvals, Cadillac Fairview, Toronto, ON
2017 - 2018 KL University Master Plan and Campus Design, Hyderabad, India*
2017 - 2018 Master Plan of Free Trade and Warehousing Zone, Chennai, India*
2015 Community Housing schemes, Remisevej, Copenhagen, Denmark*
**completed prior to joining Urban Strategies*

SELECTED AWARDS

2018 Environmental Studies Graduate Experience Award, University of Waterloo
2018 International Masters Student Award, University of Waterloo