

Felipe Canavera

Urban Planner



Felipe, originally from Bogota, Colombia, brings a diverse mix of urban planning, design and engagement experience. He received a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Alberta and did his undergraduate degree in Architecture and Graphic Design at the UNAL in Colombia. He has experience in implementing Gender-Based Analysis Plus in urban planning processes, formulating zoning bylaw reforms, managing development and rezoning applications, facilitating public engagement processes, and producing open space and active transportation studies. Felipe is an award-winning urban planner who loves getting involved with non-profits pushing for better urban mobility, design, and development. He is a co-director of the board of the CIP Planning Student Trust Fund. He is based in Urban Strategies' Vancouver Office.

EDUCATION

2017 - 2019
Master of Urban & Regional Planning
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta

2010 - 2015
Bachelor of Architecture
UNAL,
Bogotá, Colombia

2013 - 2016
Coursework in Graphic Design
UNAL,
Bogotá, Colombia

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Candidate Member, Canadian Institute of Planners

Candidate Member, Alberta Professional Planners Institute

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2021 - ongoing
Co-Director, CIP Planning Student Trust Fund

2020
Board member, MADE (Media Architecture Design Edmonton)

2019-2020
Board member, Paths for People

2019
Board member, Infill Development in Edmonton

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2022 - Present Urban Planner, Urban Strategies Inc., Vancouver
2021 - 2022 Planner I, City of Edmonton, Edmonton
2019 - 2021 Planning Technician II, City of Edmonton, Edmonton
2019 Planning Associate, Situate Inc., Edmonton
2018 Active Transportation Intern, University of Alberta, Edmonton
2017 Urban Planner Assistant, Bogota City Hall, Bogota
2016 - 2017 Urban Planner Assistant, FCH, Bogota
2016 Architect Assistant, Rogelio Salmons S.A., Bogota
2015 Urban Planner Assistant, FCH, Bogota

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2019 - 2021 Edmonton Zoning Bylaw Renewal - Graphic design, policy writing & engagement*
2020 Design and Implementation of the Gender-Based Analysis Plus GBA+ & Equity Toolkit*
2020 Zoning Bylaw Amendments to align with recent Alberta Provincial Bills 39 and 48*
2019 Case Study - Analytical Framework of Public Engagement Processes*
2019 Open Space Study for the Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Board*
2018 Active Transportation Study for the University of Alberta*
2017 The Village of Belvedere - Community Land Use Plan*
2017 Bogotá Municipal Plan - Research, engagement & mapping*
2017 Urban Expansion Initiative in Colombia book - Graphic design*
2016 Cultural Center project for the University of Caldas, Colombia - Design drawings*

*completed prior to joining Urban Strategies

SELECTED AWARDS

2019 Edmonton Urban Design Award, *The Village of Belvedere*
2019 CIP Centenary Student Award (One-time Award), *Here's to 100 Years of Planning*
2016 XXV Graphic Design Salon Recognition, *Re-Branding for Synergy Consulting Group*
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CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC LECTURES

2022 Jury Member, Student Urban Design Competition, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico
2022 Moderator, Panel Winter City Design & Urban Heat Island Mitigation, University of Alberta
2018 Presenter, PLACE 18 Conference - Canadian Planning Students Conference
2018 Presenter, WDCAG-2018 Annual Meeting