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Urban Design Lab

Subject: Internship Application- July and August, 2025.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am currently in my final year of architecture at the École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Montpellier – La Réunion campus, and I will graduate with a bachelor degree in Architecture (DEA) next July. I am submitting my application for a 5-week internship in February. My curiosity has driven me to pursue various internships whenever possible, including a position at a heritage architecture firm in Versailles and on-site observation in Cape Town. Additionally, I interned in cultural mediation in Madagascar. These experiences have deepened my interest in culture, architecture and construction practices, improving my team work skills, as well as my adaptability. My academic background and personal experiences have broadened my perspectives and developed my creativity. I view architecture as an essential tool for addressing human and social challenges while being careful about details and quality spaces. I appreciate this field because it allows me to evolve alongside various disciplines and particularly to urban practice.

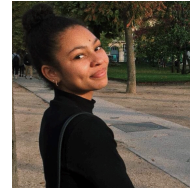
I chose to apply to Urban Design Lab because it explores different facets of architecture on a multidisciplinary approach while emphasizing a collaborative work. Your platform reflects a thoughtful and meticulous research initiative. Furthermore, I admire the diversity and scales of your publications. I would like to work for a platform built on principles of a meaningful commitment to urban and architectural research with a strong contribution to the global urban thinking. I decided to continue my studies on the Island of La Réunion to further explore the tropical climate constraints and the culture of its communities. I would like to integrate even more reflections on the links between urban issues and people. The sensitivity and experimental work you conduct matches with my interest in linking different architecture related fields to enrich my skills and to deepen my knowledge.

I am motivated by the opportunity to progress alongside your team and to develop my skills during an internship with you. Joining you would match my aspirations. I would be excited to contribute to a practice that values human relationships while maintaining a meaningful contribution. By choosing your practice, I hope to learn more about the journalism field and enrich myself and learn from its different stakeholders. I would be delighted to apply my skills, curiosity, and my willingness to learn.

I feel confident that I could take part and learn from your team and would be happy to dedicate my motivation, and training as an intern at Urban Design Lab.

Sincerely,
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French citizenship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alliance Française of Antsiranana, Diego-Suarez, Madagascar — Intern
July-September 2024

Cultural mediation coordinator: managing workshops, event follow-up, communication, implementation of a public relations strategy.

SPT SA, Cape Town, South Africa — Intern June 2024

Construction site observation internship: shipyard sites, cost estimation and inventory management, workshop visits, human resources, engineering.

ITM Associés, Heritage Architect/ Judicial expert architect, Versailles
— Intern November 2022 / January 2023

Experience with Autocad, working with the Office suite, modifying plans in the construction documentation phase, historic research of the building, drafting forensic reports, market studies, construction site visits.

Paris Hélicoptère, Toussus-Le-Noble — Intern December 2018

High school internship in the administrative department.

EDUCATION

First Cycle in Architecture — ENSA Montpellier, La Réunion campus / ENSA Paris-La Villette, Paris - Le Port, since October 2021

Preparatory Class for Engineering Schools, PCSI (Physics/Chemistry)
— Janson de Sailly, Paris 2020 / 2021
Completed 60 ECTS credits at the end of the first year.

Preparatory course for scientific studies PCSO — Université Paris-Saclay, Orsay 2019 / 2020
University diploma obtained with high honors.

Baccalauréat social and economics sciences — Institut Notre-Dame, Meudon - 2019
Baccalaureate diploma with honors.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

E.S.A, Clamart since Novembre 2021

Co-responsible for establishing a Saint-Paul/Le Port branch.

Academic support and educational monitoring for middle schoolers.

Institut Notre-Dame High School, Meudon 2016 / 2017

Weekly facilitation of a creative workshop for a group of ten sixth-grade students.

Profile

Proactivity / Curiosity / Autonomy /
Interpersonal skills

Skills

Archicad

Proficient

Adobe suite

Beginner/Intermediate

Microsoft Suite

Intermediate

Languages

French- Native

English- Fluent (written/spoken)

Achievements

French Navy Preparation's Diploma PMM (2019-2020)

Once a month during a year, Versailles. Graduated.

Beginner Degree of Aeronautic BIA (June 2019)
First-class honors.

Cultural practices

Saxophone and orchestra lessons for 5 years.

Acting class for 3 years.