



SENIOR URBAN DESIGNER - GAPP Architects & Urban Designers, Cape Town

GAPP Cape Town is looking for a self-motivated, well organised, energetic, and creative urban designer with public and private sector project experience to join our dynamic and well-respected Urban Design team.

At GAPP you will find a stimulating, diverse and team-based work environment that offers scope for personal and professional growth and innovation. Our team is passionate about improving the public environment and committed to making a difference to settlement design, planning and implementation in Southern Africa. We are involved in a wide range of public and private sector projects ranging from policy and guidelines to design and implementation of urban design.

A Master's Degree in Urban Design, recognised by UDISA, is an essential requirement. You must also have a minimum of 3 years' experience in urban design and a **demonstrated ability to manage projects**. You must be able to manage complex urban design projects across a range of scales. We're looking for someone with a demonstrated capability to work independently with clients, initiate and manage projects, facilitate stakeholder engagement, structure documents, prepare and make presentations and meet deadlines.

You should be a self-motivated, highly organised person with strong design capabilities, graphic ability, project coordination and report writing skills to work on a range of urban design and spatial planning projects.

This post requires a very strong manual graphic ability as well as a minimum of 3 years' experience in AutoCad, GIS, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign and Sketchup.

We offer competitive salaries, commensurate with your level of experience. Please submit your CV, a short letter of motivation, contact details of 3 references and a PDF selection of your best and most relevant work to GAPP Architects and Urban Designers.

(If projects examples are provided of work done in collaboration with others- please specify which sections of the product you were directly responsible for.)

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PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

You should demonstrate the following personal attributes:

- Ability to work independently, plan and manage work under pressure
- The ability to take responsibility for and perform the role of urban designer on assigned projects
- The ability to build good relationships between client and consultant team members
- The ability to communicate and present complex urban design concepts
- The ability to establish and implement time management processes on projects
- Team cooperation and leadership
- Attention to detail / ensuring accuracy and consistency

KEY TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Project manage Urban Design projects from inception to final completion
- Manage and carry out Urban Design production including drawings, reports and strategies
- Collaborate with other consultants, clients and project stakeholders
- Assist Directors/ Associates with tenders and fee proposals
- Preparation of urban design strategies
- Support GAPP in the promotion of our Urban Design capacity including seeking out and capitalizing on new opportunities
- Ability to work within and contribute to a team structure

REQUIREMENTS:

- A post-graduate degree in Architecture is preferred.
- A postgraduate qualification in Urban Design recognised by the Urban Design Institute of South Africa or at least 5-years hands-on experience in urban design with a supporting portfolio of urban design project work including drawings, reports and built projects (NON-NEGOTIABLE)
- Exceptional graphic, design (3D) communication & presentation and report writing skills with a demonstrated ability to sketch and draw by hand.
- Willingness and capability to handle office and project related administration including cost proposals and progress reporting.

SKILLS & TRAINING

- You should be able to learn new programmes quickly but a IT literacy in standard industry software including AutoCAD, SketchUp, Microsoft Outlook, PowerPoint, MS Word and MS Excel are essential;
- Literacy in vector drawing and DTP layout packages – A base in Adobe creative suite (In-Design, Illustrator/Photoshop) is necessary as we do all our work using the Affinity Suite. Basic skills GIS & Revit skills would be an added bonus
- Training in our company timekeeping and project financial management system will be provided