

Job Title: Designer
Job Location: San Francisco, CA

Job Description:

With preliminary direction from a licensed architect, assist in pre-design/planning and all design phases of multistory mixed-use housing, corporate/commercial, retail, water treatment facility, and transit projects, including new construction, renovation, tenant improvements, parking garages, and unit plans; participate in pre-design meetings with clients and consultant teams; assist project managers and architects in presenting site information, identifying client requirements, and establishing project criteria; conduct project site research, review survey drawings, and develop digital site models in SketchUp to support conceptual design and massing studies; develop conceptual and schematic design studies through hand sketching and 3D modeling in SketchUp and Revit; create digital massing models, floor plans, building elevations, and perspective views to communicate design concepts and support both client and team presentations; produce high-quality renderings and visualizations using Enscape and Lumion to support design proposals, interview presentations, and promotional materials; prepare design diagrams, study renderings, and iterative visualization studies to test lighting and materials; assemble presentation boards and graphic layouts in Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign to visually convey design; research local, state, and international building codes, analyze zoning ordinances and accessibility guidelines including ADA and Title 24; summarize findings and provide guidance to the design team to ensure regulatory compliance; support sustainable design efforts by researching and referencing green building standards such as LEED and Title 24, assisting in evaluating energy performance, daylighting, and material life-cycle impacts, and collaborating with project teams to incorporate sustainable building systems and environmentally responsible materials and finishes into the design; prepare technical documents across all phases, from schematic design through construction documentation, including permit sets and bid sets; create and develop floor plans, elevations, sections, construction details, schedules, and code analysis sheets using Revit in compliance with office standards; create and manage BIM production models in Revit by developing architectural elements including walls, floors, roofs, stairs, and curtain systems in alignment with project requirements and office standards; collaborate with multidisciplinary consultants including MEP, structural, civil, and landscape, by linking consultant models. Identify coordination conflicts, integrate consultant information, and resolve issues across disciplines to deliver fully coordinated project documentation; incorporate design direction from senior designers and principals by reviewing sketches and redlined drawings, and translate feedback into updated drawings; revise drawings and models based on consultant feedback and QA/QC reviews to ensure constructability, technical accuracy, and alignment with design intent; assemble agency submittal packages by compiling architectural drawings, specifications, and application forms for review by city planning, building, fire, and public works departments; respond to plan-check corrections, coordinate revisions with consultants, update drawings, and track permitting milestones to ensure timely approvals; support construction administration by assisting with jobsite visits, documenting field conditions through sketches, notes, and photographs, and preparing observation reports; review contractor submittals, shop drawings, RFIs, product samples, and mock-ups against design intent and specifications, update project documentation to reflect approved revisions and as-built conditions; contribute to office-wide standards by assisting in establishing rendering presets, organizing asset libraries, providing informal tutorials on visualization tools including Enscape and Lumion, and supporting BIM template development to improve project delivery and communication.

Job Requirements:

Bachelor of Architecture (5 year) or foreign equivalent plus coursework or internships to include assisting in pre-design/planning and all design phases of projects; participating in pre-design meetings; assisting in presenting site information and establishing project criteria; conducting project site research, reviewing survey drawings, and developing digital site models in SketchUp to support conceptual design and massing studies; developing conceptual and schematic design studies through hand sketching and 3D modeling in SketchUp and Revit; creating digital massing models, floor plans, building elevations, and perspective views to communicate design concepts and support presentations; producing high-quality renderings and visualizations using Enscape and Lumion to support design proposals; preparing design diagrams, study renderings, and iterative visualization studies to test lighting and materials; assembling presentation boards and graphic layouts in Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign to visually convey design; researching local, state, and international building codes, analyzing zoning ordinances and accessibility guidelines including ADA; supporting sustainable design efforts by researching and referencing green building standards such as LEED, assisting in evaluating energy performance, daylighting, and material life-cycle impacts, and collaborating with project teams to incorporate sustainable building systems and environmentally responsible materials and finishes into the design; preparing technical documents across all phases, from schematic design through construction documentation; creating and developing floor plans, elevations, sections, construction details, schedules, and code analysis sheets using Revit; creating and managing BIM models in Revit by developing architectural elements including walls, floors, roofs, stairs, and curtain systems in alignment with project requirements; incorporating design direction by reviewing sketches and redlined drawings, and translating feedback into updated drawings; assembling submittal packages by compiling architectural drawings, specifications, and application forms for review by city planning, building departments; reviewing contractor submittals, shop drawings against design intent and specifications.

Salary Range: At MWA Architects, base pay is one part of our total compensation package and is determined within a range. This provides the opportunity to progress as you grow and develop within a role. The annual base pay range for this role is between \$79,768.00 and \$82,396.00, and will depend on your skills, qualifications, and years of experience.

Applications may be submitted to jobs@mwaarchitects.com. Include Job ID: D2SF0001 in the subject line of any submissions related to this posting.