

AKSHAY KHURANA

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Education

Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, High School
0.01% of top scoring candidates in class Xth CBSE board exam

School of Planning and Architecture, B. Arch
Qualified with First Class

National Institute of Design, M.Des (Interaction Design)

Experience

2011 - 3 months - Researcher, Departments of Environmental Planning & Architectural Conservation, SPA

Worked on research and documentation of culturally sensitive architecture in Mount Abu, especially the central zone around Nakki Lake under the guidance of Ms. Anuradha Chaturvedi and Mrs. Meenakshi Dhote.

2012 - 3 months - Researcher, Department of Housing and Development, Government of Sikkim

Worked on a collaborative slum rehabilitation project with the Rajeev Awaas Yojna (RAY) under the Sikkim Government, Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence (CURE) and Prashant Pradhan Architects (PPA). Prepared the first comprehensive study of Sikkim's slums.

2013 - 2 months - Graphic Designer, Arty Sorts, Gurgaon, Delhi

Worked on a variety of graphic and print design projects with Arty Sorts.

2013 - continued - Freelance as an architect & designer at 1.Studio

Started a collaborative studio dealing in graphic design, print design, web design, interiors & architecture

2014 - 2 months - Intern, Sthapati Architects, New Delhi

Worked on a variety of residential, institutional, commercial and industrial projects. Responsibilities - drafting, presentation drawings, estimations.

2014 - 2 months - Intern, Studio 4D, New Delhi

Worked on residential and institutional projects. Responsibilities - drafting, presentation drawings, site supervision.

2014 - 2 months - Researcher, SPA Space Audit Team

Worked at Shastri Bhawan, Ministry of HRD to conduct a space audit of the currently occupied building under the guidance of Prof. Ranjana Mital and Prof. Moulshri Joshi.

2015 - 11 months - Architect, Design business Collaborative

Worked as an architect in a 5 member design team at Design Business Collaborative working on institutional, government, residential projects. Responsibilities - drafting, presentation drawings, site supervision, estimations, financial modelling, web development





2016 - 2 months - Intern, Wavegate Studios

Worked with Berklee College of Music graduate Shikhar Prasad as an intern learning sound recording, mixing, editing, music composition

Skills

Space	Fluent in physical modelling, 2d and 3d modelling, software-based parametric modelling, photo-realistic rendering, climate consultant
Graphics	Fluent in Adobe software including Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Audition, Premier Pro, After Effects, Character Animator. Worked in print design, graphic design, logo design, illustrations.
Web & Code	HTML, CSS, JS, Python, AutoIt. Skilled in front-end development for web and android
Interaction Design	User research, prototyping, user-interface design, product design, user-testing, speculative design, web graphics
Music	Multi-instrumentalist, composition, sound editing, sound synthesis

Publications

2012 - Report on Slum Redevelopment, Department of Housing and Development, Government of Sikkim (with CURE and PPA Architects)
2013 - Dissertation - Public Spaces and Boundary Walls: The case of New Delhi, SPA Library
2014 - Seminar - Inclusivity of Public Spaces at Anand Vihar, SPA Library
2015 - Thesis - High Rise Urbanism: The case of Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, SPA Library

Achievements

2011 - Jury Commendation in IGBC School Design Competition
2015 - Worked on the winning entry for a pedestrian overbridge redesign competition at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (currently under construction)
2015 - Worked on 2 exhibits for the 6-day Indo-Pak War Commemorative Exhibit titled "Shauryanjali" hosted at the India gate lawns, New Delhi.
2016 - Runner-up, Fiama di Wills Packaging Redesign Competition