

curriculum vitae

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Hello! I am in my **fourth year of undergraduate studies** at the University of Waterloo - School of Architecture.

Over the course of my studies, I have discovered my passion for the following:

- (1) urban design and community planning of cities,
- (2) the tactile interaction humans have with the built world
- (3) the visual design of information.

I am also an avid rock climber, a nature-lover, and an amateur photographer.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Suzanne Merchant.

PROFESSIONAL & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2018 Jan. - Pres.	Studio Senbel Design Intern	Vancouver, CA
	Worked largely on the Qualicum Beach Inn (in the design development phase), the screen design for a Chicago mosque and few smaller renovation and improvement projects .	
2017-2018 Dec. - Pres.	Muslim Food Bank & Community Services Caseworker, Graphic Design & General Volunteer	Vancouver, CA
	Registered caseworker with the Muslim Food Bank & Community Services. I also volunteer my graphic design services and assist the bi-weekly food hamper distributions.	
2017 Jan. - Aug.	Urban Arts Architecture Design Intern	Vancouver, CA
	Worked largely on the University of the Fraser Valley Library Renovation (schematic design to final IFC drawings & some contract administration); also worked on various stages of other projects in the office.	
2017 May - Aug.	Upstream Graphic Design & General Volunteer	Remote & Saskatoon, CA
	Worked on developing graphics for a project related to taxes and social/ health services outcomes (in conjunction with Upstream's Policy Co-ordinator); involved parsing through data collected by various policy institutes and the design of the graphics. I also worked on other tasks given by the Upstream Communications Director.	
2017 April - Pres.	BC Poverty Reduction Coalition - Action Team Member & Volunteer	Vancouver, CA
	Worked on revitalizing and developing podcast material, edited branding, and also hosted several podcasts related to poverty, disabilities and healthcare in conjunction with members of the Action Team.	
2016 June - Sept.	ZAS Architecture & Interiors Design Intern	Vancouver, CA
	Preliminary design, tender, IFC etc. drawings + contract administration for interior renovations of various banking institutions in Metro Vancouver	
2016 May. - June	LEDLab Graphic Design Volunteer	Vancouver, CA
	Developed graphics for LEDLab's annual research publication.	
2014 Sept. - Dec.	Proscenium Architecture & Interiors Design Intern	Vancouver, CA
	Tender and addendum drawings for West 1st Theatre [Arts Club Theatre + Bard on the Beach] and various other small projects	

2014 **Hughes Condon Marler Architects** Vancouver, CA
Jan. - April Design Intern
Various graphics, design development/contract administration
drawings, RFPs

EDUCATION

2012 **University of Waterloo School of Architecture** Cambridge, CA
Sept. - Pres. Honours Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Co-op

2015 **Gap Year**

SKILLSETS

Adept & Improving

Adobe Suite
Illustrator/ Photoshop/InDesign
AutoCAD
Rhinceros + VRay
SketchUp
Hand drafting & sketching
Hand modelling

Learning & Improving

ARCGIS
Machine & hand sewing
Woodshop machinery

Languages

English [fluent] Urdu [intermediate]
French [intermediate] Hindi [intermediate]

AWARDS

2017 **International Experience Award**
University of Waterloo

2013 **UWSA Projects Review**
Publication of Studio project at Riverside Gallery

2012 - Pres. **Excellent Academic Standing**
University of Waterloo

2012 **President's Scholarship**
University of Waterloo

Provincial Examinations Scholarship
British Columbia Ministry of Education

Academic Medal and Scholarship
Point Grey Secondary School

2010 **Shad Valley Alumna**
Universite Laval, QC

Sears High School Design Competition
3rd Place - Architecture [Junior]