

# curriculum vitae

## suzanne merchant

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Hello! I am in my **third year of undergraduate studies** at the University of Waterloo School of Architecture. Over the course of my studies, I have become passionate about the following avenues in design:

- (1) the role architecture plays in bettering the world,
- (2) the influence public policy - related to economy, food security, and health - has on architecture,
- (3) the tactile interaction humans have with the built world,
- (4) urban design and community planning of cities and
- (5) 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 EXPERIENCE

2016 **Merchant Creative** Vancouver, CA  
April - Pres. Founder

Data design: building models with which to visualize and analyze large datasets; infographic design for non-profits

2016 **ZAS Architecture & Interiors** Vancouver, CA  
June - Sept. Design Intern

Preliminary design, tender, IFC etc. drawings + contract administration for interior renovations of various banking institutions in Metro Vancouver

2014 **Proscenium Architecture & Interiors** Vancouver, CA  
Sept. - Dec. Design Intern

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 & REVIT  
SketchUp  
ARCGIS  
VRay  
Hand drafting & modelling  
ARCGIS

#### **Learning & Improving**

Python  
Numpy, Bokeh, Pycairo  
HTML/CSS  
Grasshopper  
Machine and hand-sewing  
Handling wood-shop machinery

#### **Languages**

English [native] / French, Hindi, Urdu [Competent] / Arabic, Farsi [Beginner]

### AWARDS

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]

### **EXTRACURRICULARS**

2016 **RADIUS + SFU [LEDlab]**

May - June Creation of various infographics for Vancouver non-profit

2011 - Pres. **UBC Farm**

Urban farming volunteer at the Indigenous Health Gardens

2014 **Waterloo Architecture Student Association**

May - Aug. Junior Secretary