

XIAO CHEN

Applying to 2017 Summer Internship in OLIN

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Summary

Four years training as a landscape architect in a prestigious university in China has equipped me with skills in logic, planning, design and representation. I am now gaining more artistic skills and creative ideas here in RISD. With a desire to apply my knowledge of landscape architecture to real projects, I am seeking a summer internship with an innovative design studio.

Education

Rhode Island School of Design 2016-present

Master of Landscape Architecture

First Semester GPA: **3.680**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai 2011-2015

Bachelor of Agriculture in Landscape Architecture

GPA: **3.65** Rank: **2/30**

University of California Berkeley Extension, Berkeley, CA 2014 Fall

Exchange Student of 2014 Fall in Landscape Architecture

GPA: **3.9**

Project Experience(Professional)

Landscape Intern in Valentien+Valentien Landscape Architecture and City planning SRL 2016 2015

Participated in the design and drawings in mainly seven projects in seven months.

- Completed two projects(Maqiao Green Buffer and Eco-fishpond in Qingpu Country Park) individually by guidance of the project principals from concept design to all the final renderings.
- Achieved one Signboard design being constructed.
- Surveyed, Mapped and Modeled surroundings of Hongqiao Green Buffer.
- Participated in the design process of three other projects(Weather Station Green Field, Taiyuan Zoo Gate Green Space, Hongqiao Green Buffer).
- Assisted in the drawings and renderings of other projects-plans, sections, 3D models.
- Translated three scheme contexts from English to Chinese and several papers from Chinese to English.

Interior Design Intern in BSTB Decoration Co.Ltd 2014

- Participated in 2 projects. Surveyed and mapped apartments, drawing the Plan and Section in AutoCAD (I)
- Designed a Roof Winter Garden (P)

Project Experience(Academic)

Urban Landscape Study and Design of Parks in Central Business District 2015 Undergraduate thesis project

- Analyzed the demographic structure analysis and demand through literature review and on site survey in major CBD parks in Shanghai and San Francisco.
- Proposed a landscape structure specifically suitable for CBD parks, featuring dual service radiuses, enhanced accessibility and two sets of paths for both slow and fast traffic.

Guiyu E-waste Landfill Reform and Watercourse Rebuild 2015 IFLA Competition

- Analyzed the demands through on site survey and measured the content of heavy metal in soil and plants in Guiyu.
- Proposed landfill reform and watercourse rebuild to deal with the current pollution.

Landscape Urbanism Study and Application within Urban Region 2015

- Explored the main concepts of John Dixon Hunt and Richard Forman in landscape urbanism and ecological urbanism.
- Transferred the abstract theory into concrete spatial language and developed a landscape structure featuring nature-city harmony and high accessibility.

Skills

Highly Proficiency: Collecting information and analyzing sites | Landform design and grading | Representation

Proficiency: Different design strategies in water front construction, especially ecological revetment | Aesthetic and ecological qualities of various plants, especially Piet Oudolf's theory of planting design

Computer Skills:

Highly Proficiency: AutoCAD | Rhino | Sketchup | Adobe Photoshop | Adobe Illustrator | Adobe Indesign

Basic Proficiency: Vray for Rhino | Vray for Sketchup | Lumion | ArcGIS

Languages:

Chinese | Native Proficiency English | Full Professional Proficiency French | Basic Communication Proficiency