

# Zihan MEI

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## EDUCATION

**Harvard Graduate School of Design | Cambridge, MA**

**Aug 2019 - Present**

Master of Architecture in Urban Design

**School of Architecture, Tsinghua University | Beijing, China**

**Sep 2014 - July 2019**

Bachelor of Architecture

## Honor and Awards:

Award for Excellence in Social Practice, Tsinghua University (Top 1%)

May 2018

Second Class Outstanding Freshman Scholarship, Tsinghua University (top 10%)

Sep 2014

## INTERN EXPERIENCE

**Hassell Studio | Intern | Shanghai, China**

**May 2018 - Aug 2018**

Project 1: CGO Yasin Marriott Hotel Mixed use

- Made foam models to carry out field analysis and design exploded views, sectional views, and MLP diagrams in the conceptual design phase.
  - Utilized Rhino to perform 3D modeling and elevation designs and studied sunshine intensity and GFA using Grasshopper; Rendered model using Enscape in the schematic design phase.
- Project2: XMN Shimao Retail
- Worked on site analysis & modelling of MLP & sections using drawings in the concept design phase.
- Project3: SHA Flower EXPO Master Planning 2021
- Designed modular devices with modulus, drew plans for the main exhibition hall in the conceptual design phase.
- Project4: Sanlin Vanke Retail
- Visited the construction site and helped with communication work in the construction phase.

**Beilun Design Institution | Intern | Ningbo, China**

**Jan 2016 - Feb 2016**

- Site Visit | Construction Drawings

**Villagers' Activity Center Design | Architect | Shanxi, China**

**Aug 2018 - Apr 2019**

- Conceptual design | Schematic design | Site follow up

## PRACTICE AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**China GSD | member | Cambridge, MA**

**Sep 2019 – Dec 2019**

- Prepared and translated for the architectural exhibition in Beijing

**“Rural revitalization” to Niuzhuang | Team Organizer & Leader | Shanxi, China**

**Feb & Aug 2018**

- Surveyed situations of traditional workmanship and architectural technology, worked on strategies for Niuzhuang.
- Re-designed two deserted cave-houses as studios for traditional workmanship.
- Operated a workshop, constructed two cave-houses, studied proportions of water and soil in the mud used as façade material.

**Architectural mapping of Yan Emperor Temple | Member | Shanxi, China**

**Aug 2017 – Sep 2017**

- Measured roof components and structures of the temple.
- Completed elevation drawings of Taizi Temple using AutoCAD.

**The project “Inspection of Beijing Hutong” | Member | Beijing, China**

**Sep 2015 – Nov 2015**

- Measured and conducted textual research on 30 Hutong from Gongmenkou 1st Hutong to Xigongjiang Hutong.
- Project was included in published government files.

## VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES

**Instructor in Wuwei High School & Hua’ao Primary School | Anhui & Beijing, China**

**Aug 2015- Present**

- Taught 10-year-old students about the fundamentals of architecture and models.
- Talked with over 200 high school students about academic issues and life at university.

## SKILLS

**Digital modeling & analysis:** Rhinoceros, Grasshopper, SketchUp, ARCHICAD, GIS, Revit, AutoCAD

**Digital graphics:** Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), V-ray, Artlantis, Enscape, Lumion