Career Plans Survey Report
PennDesign Class of 2015

The following is based on Career Services’ annual survey of graduating School of Design students. Between September 2014 and December 2015, Career Services surveyed students graduating in August 2014, December 2014 and May 2015. Of the 255 PennDesign graduates from this period who received the survey either online or in the mail, 150 students responded – a 59% response rate.

**Employment Status - All Respondents**

- Full Time Employment - 67%
- Continuing Education - 2%
- Not Seeking - 3%
- Part Time Employment - 9%
- Seeking Continuing Education - 1%
- Seeking Employment - 18%

**Employment Status by Program**

**Architecture and Environmental Building Design**
- Full Time Employment - 67%
- Not Seeking - 4%
- Part Time Employment - 6%
- Seeking Employment - 23%

**Landscape Architecture**
- Full Time Employment - 90%
- Not Seeking - 5%

**City and Regional Planning**
- Full Time Employment - 66%
- Continuing Education - 4%
- Not Seeking - 2%
- Part Time Employment - 9%
- Seeking Continuing Education - 2%
- Seeking Employment - 17%
Of the respondents who secured a new full-time or part-time position and reported their career plans, 99% listed the date of their job offer. Of those who listed their offer date, 71% received their offer within 2 months of their graduation date.
Positions Accepted and Average Salaries

83% of respondents who secured full-time employment provided salary information. We have provided an average salary and salary range for program degrees if 3 or more graduates indicated their full-time annual salary in their response.

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* Dual-degree recipients
** Indicated “Continuing Current Employment”

Architecture, Master of Architecture (M.Arch)

Full-time Employment
- Cooper, Robertson & Partners, Junior Architect, New York, NY
- EwingCole, Intern Architect, Philadelphia, PA
- EwingCole, Junior Architect, Philadelphia, PA
- EYP, Architecture Intern, New York, NY
- Gensler, Architectural Designer, Los Angeles, CA
- Gensler, Designer, San Francisco, CA
- Grimshaw Architects, Architecture Designer, New York, NY
- HDR, Architectural Project Coordinator, Washington, DC
- James Corner Field Operations, Designer, New York, NY*
- KieranTimberlake, Intern Architect, Philadelphia, PA
- Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates, Architectural Design, New York, NY (x2)
- KSS Architects, Intern Architect, Philadelphia, PA
- Locri Architecture, Intermediate Architect, New York, NY
- MASS Design Group, Assistant Architect, Boston, MA*
- Noll and Tam Architects, Designer, Berkeley, CA
- Pickard Chilton, Designer, New Haven, CT
- Preservation Design Partnership LLC, Entry Level Architect, Philadelphia, PA*
Shalom Baranes Associates, Designer, Washington, DC
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Junior Architect, New York, NY
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architectural Assistant, Chicago, IL
Snøhetta, Designer, New York, NY*
Solomon Cordwell Buenz, Designer, San Francisco, CA
Tantillo Architecture, Architectural Designer, Philadelphia, PA
Tom Wiscombe Architecture, Designer, Los Angeles, CA (x2)
Valerio Dewalt Train, Junior Architect, Chicago, IL

**Average Salary:** $52,325.00 (*based on 24 reported full time salaries*)
**Salary Range:** $38,400-$65,000

**Part-time Employment**
Integra Design Group, Architectural Consultant, San Juan, PR
RR Ingeniero, Architectural Drafter, Puerto Rico

**Architecture, Master of Environmental Building Design (MEBD)**

**Full-time Employment**
Ballinger, Intern Architect, Philadelphia, PA
Brandston Partnership Inc., Lighting Designer, New York, NY
BuroHappold, Façade Designer, New York, NY
Thornton Tomasetti, Sustainability Project Consultant, New York, NY
WSP, Building Performance Analyst, San Francisco, CA

**Average Salary:** $60,000.00 (*based on 5 reported full time salaries*)
**Salary Range:** $48,000-$65,000

**Architecture, Master of Science in Architecture (MS)**

**Part-time Employment**
University of Pennsylvania, Lecturer, Philadelphia, PA

**Architecture, Post-Professional Program (M.Arch II)**

**Full-time Employment**
Loci Architecture, Intermediate Architecture, New York, NY

**Architecture, PhD**

**Full-time Employment**
City University of New York, Assistant Professor, New York, NY

**City and Regional Planning, Master of City Planning (MCP)**

**Full-time Employment**
AECOM, Planner I, Norfolk, VA
AECOM, Transportation Planner, Arlington, VA
Ardmore Initiative, Assistant Executive Director, Ardmore, PA
CEDAC, Portfolio Associate, Boston, MA
Central Transportation Planning Staff, Transportation Planner, Boston, MA*
CHPlanning, Urban Planner and Designer, Chester, PA
City of Dover, Planner I, Dover, DE
Country Garden, Manager Assistant, Shunde, China
Danny Forster Design Studio, Intern, New York, NY
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Research Analyst, Philadelphia, PA
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Research Analyst, Philadelphia, PA*
Design Trust for Public Space, Program Associate, New York, NY
Dranoff Properties, Development Associate, Philadelphia, PA*
HR&A Advisors, Research Analyst, New York, NY
iCan: Interactive College Access Network, Co-founder, Philadelphia, PA**
Interface-Studio, Urban Designer, Philadelphia, PA
Michael Baker International, Planning Associate, Pittsburgh, PA
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure & Transportation, Assistant Manager, Tokyo, Japan**
MKThink, Strategist, San Francisco, CA
New York City Department of Small Businesses, Project Manager, New York, NY
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Airport Sustainability Specialist, New York, NY
RPM Development Group, Development Associate, Montclair, NJ
Smart Growth America, Program Associate, Washington, DC
Solo Real Estate, Realtor Developer, Philadelphia, PA**
Switzenbaum & Associates, Associate, Philadelphia, PA
The Urban Institute, Research Associate II, Washington, DC
Urban Strategies Inc., Design Intern, Toronto, Canada

Average Salary: $52,188.78 (based on 23 reported full time salaries)
Salary Range: $18,000-70,000

Part-time Employment
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Planning Intern, New York, NY
Philadelphia Real Estate, Development Associate, Philadelphia, PA
ReThink NYC, Transportation Analyst, New York, NY
Reinvestment Fund, Intern, Philadelphia, PA
University of Pennsylvania, Research Assistant, Philadelphia, PA

City and Regional Planning, PhD

Full-time Employment
Arizona State University, Assistant Professor, Tempe, AZ
Rosado & Associates, President, Miami, FL
Stanford University, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Stanford, CA
Taiwan National Development Council, Inspector, Taipei City, Taiwan
The New York Botanical Garden, Mellon Fellow, New York, NY
University of North Carolina Wilmington, Assistant Professor, Wilmington, NC

Average Salary: $53,600.00 (based on 5 reported full time salaries)
Salary Range: $32,000-75,000

Fine Arts, Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

Full-time Employment
University of Pennsylvania, Graphic Designer, Philadelphia, PA

Part-time Employment
Art Institute of Chicago, Adjunct Faculty, Chicago, IL
University of Pennsylvania, Instructor, Philadelphia, PA
University of Pennsylvania, Krinsky Summer Programs, Instructor, Philadelphia, PA
Historic Preservation, Master of Science (MSHSPV)

Full-Time Employment
- AECOM, Architectural Historian, Conshohocken, PA
- Building Conservation Associates Inc., Conservation Technician, Philadelphia, PA
- City of Philadelphia, Architectural Researcher, Philadelphia, PA
- Dan Lepore & Sons Company, Assistant Project Manager, Conshohocken, PA
- E2chem Consultants LLC, Architect/Architectural Conservator, New York, NY
- Getty Foundation, Graduate Intern, Los Angeles, CA
- Integrated Conservation Resources, Architectural Conservator, New York, NY
- University of Georgia, Program Coordinator, Athens, GA*

Average Salary: $40,108.57 (based on 7 reported full time salaries)
Salary Range: $18,000-58,000

Part-Time Employment
- Arch Street Meeting House, Research Fellow, Philadelphia, PA
- Architectural Conservation Research Center, Research Assistant, Philadelphia, PA
- Bucks County Historical Society, Site Assistant, Doylestown, PA

Landscape Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)

Full-Time Employment
- CMG Landscape Architecture, Design Intern, San Francisco, CA*
- GLS Landscape Architecture, Junior Designer, San Francisco, CA*
- KieranTimberlake, Intern Architect, Philadelphia, PA*
- Oehme va Sweden & Associates, Landscape Architect, Washington, DC
- OLIN, Landscape Designer, Los Angeles, CA*
- OLIN, Landscape Designer, Philadelphia, PA
- OLIN, Landscape Architect I, Philadelphia, PA
- Olin Studio, Landscape Designer, Philadelphia, PA
- Rafael Vinoly, Architectural Designer, New York, NY
- Scout Ltd, Urban Designer, Philadelphia, PA
- Self-employed, Landscape Architect
- Studio Link-Arc LLC, Junior Architect, New York, NY
- Studio Vulkan, Landscape Architect Trainee, Zurich, Switzerland
- Surface678, Entry Level Landscape Architect, Durham, NC
- SWA, Landscape Designer, Laguna Beach, CA
- W Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Landscape Designer, New York, NY
- West 8 NY, Intern, New York, NY

Average Salary: $49,023.08 (based on 13 reported full time salaries)
Salary Range: $35,000-58,000

Urban Spatial Analytics (MUSA)

Full-Time Employment
- ESRI, Product Engineer Intern, Redlands, CA
- Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Senior Economic Analyst, Philadelphia, PA**
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Post-Master’s Researcher, Oak Ridge, TN
- Philadelphia Water, GIS Specialist II, Philadelphia, PA
- Zbest Payments, Web/Mobile Development Intern, New York, NY

Average Salary: $45,666.67 (based on 3 reported full time salaries)
Salary Range: $40,000-50,000