



About the Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning

The Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning at the University of Sydney is currently ranked number one in Australia. The school has been leading the way in innovative teaching and research across Architecture, Design, Urban and Regional Planning and Policy, and Architectural Science, for almost 100 years.

From the design of wearable technologies to urban planning outcomes that enrich communities, our work is human centred, multi-scaled and geographically diverse. The school's global view is supported by faculty members who have significant international engagement, including associations with the world's leading academic institutions. Across all of this, our high-performance culture is informed by a long-standing commitment to social issues.

Our new [strategic plan](#) (launched in late 2020) reaffirms and extends our commitment to social justice; to educate architecture, design and planning professionals with the skills, critical orientation and collaborative mindset appropriate to 21st century careers; and to produce disciplinary and multidisciplinary knowledges valued equally by the society we serve and our intellectual peers.

Our students also take an active role in influencing change within and beyond the University. Many former students now hold senior professional and academic posts in Australia and around the world, including as President of the International Union of Architects, CEO of the Greater Sydney Commission, and founders of national and international technology firms such as Small Multiples. Creative technologist and interaction designer Steven Bai who founded Sencity also once walked the halls of the Wilkinson building (where we are still located today).

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HexBox Canopy, an intensive workshop collaboration between the School of Architecture, Design and Planning and TU Kaiserslautern.

Alumni and industry sharing their experiences and advice at EMBARK, a careers festival for architecture, design and planning students run by the School.
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Teaching and Learning

The school's diverse teaching and research programs foster critical and creative thinking across all disciplines within the school. Our strong reputation is exemplified by the school's extensive collaboration and strategic partnerships with professional associations, including the Australian Institute of Architects, the Planning Institute of Australia, and the peak bodies for engineering, building, development and design professionals. These relationships provide many invaluable opportunities for networking and employment. We offer a broad range of scholarships, international exchange, internships and industry sponsored projects that support and encourage talented students. Our students graduate with globally recognised qualifications, making them highly sought-after by employers all over the world.

The school offers four undergraduate programs in architecture and design and eight postgraduate coursework programs in architecture, architectural sciences, urbanism and design as well as research degrees. The school has just over 3000 enrolled students which is split evenly between undergraduate and postgraduate enrolments. Currently, there are 72 academic and 26 professional staff permanent employed at the school with a large number of specialist teachers and tutors employed throughout the year to deliver education support.

Research

We have a dynamic community of scholars across architectural design, theory and history, architectural sciences, urbanism and design, with internationally renowned resources in our labs such as the [IEQ Lab](#), [Urban Housing Lab](#), and [Design Lab](#).

Our research connects to a number of [multidisciplinary initiatives](#), including the [Sydney Environment Institute](#), [Charles Perkins Centre](#), [China Studies Centre](#), and the [Policy Lab](#).

Increasingly we work with partners to resolve complex problems. Whether reaching out across the University of Sydney's depth of scholarship, other universities in Australia and internationally, or working with industry, government agencies and the community, we are energised by these collaborations and look forward to engaging with the brightest minds to uncover solutions that benefit people worldwide.

Our global view is supported by our internationally recognised academics and our associations with world-renowned institutions, such as the Bartlett UCL, TU Munich, Tsinghua University and Tongji University.

In addition, the school has an [active events and alumni program](#) that sees visiting scholars and architects speaking in lectures, symposiums and debates, while our [Tin Sheds Gallery](#) provides a calendar of stimulating, provocative exhibitions to advance our research.

For more information on the School visit: sydney.edu.au/architecture



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The Freswind School Project, a travelling workshop to Vanuatu, where students were involved in the construction of the first stage of the school. Students fundraised and promoted the project and exceeded the fundraising goal.

Our annual Architecture/Design Graduate Exhibition showcases over 600 students works, across six of our degrees.



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The Tin Sheds Gallery provides a platform for public debate about the role of architecture, design and planning in contemporary society through the production of research-led exhibitions, publications and related activities.

