

DEEKSHITA PONUGOTI

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EDUCATION

Manipal Academy of Higher Education, School of Architecture and planning.

Graduation: June 2023

Bachelor of Architecture

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, School of architecture

Expected Graduation: May 2025

Master of Architecture

Concentration in Building Performance | Concentration in Tall buildings

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Architect Hafeez Contractor

Mumbai, India

Architecture Intern

January 2023 – August 23

- Gained extensive experience in designing a variety of commercial and residential projects
- Worked on project production that involved site visits and the production of detailed architectural drawings and sketches
- Worked on providing creative solutions, managing blueprint files, and utilizing AutoCAD and BIM modeling software to create 3D printed models, as well as working on diverse landscape design concepts with detailed drawings.

Team One Architects

Hyderabad, India

Architecture Intern

June 2022 – December 2023

- Worked on the design of multiple commercial/residential projects, performed site visits, and produced detailed architectural drawings and sketches
- Provided creative concept solutions and maintained blueprint files, documents, and records
- Worked on various landscape design concepts and produced detailed drawings for the same

Serene by Technomax

Hyderabad, India

Design intern

June 2021 – June 2022

- Worked on residential and commercial projects and keenly assisted in furniture design and its detailing
- Collaborated with 3d modelling, model making, graphic representation of various designs at various scales

RCR Interiors

Hyderabad, India

Design intern

April 2019 – June 2019

- Measured existing projects and created as built drawings using Revit and AutoCAD
- Participated in client meetings and schematic design reviews

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

Manipal Digest

Manipal, India

Head of Arts and Graphics

August 20 – June 2023

- Strategically oversaw the daily graphic design content from concept to the finished project, regularly working on graphic, layout, and production materials for the club
- Managed and coordinated 24 members under the team

Fundraising coordinator

August 2021 – May 2022

- Secured and collaborated with five on-campus sponsors for sponsorships to cover fundraising expenses
- Forged partnerships with three prominent campus organizations, leading to joint events and increased visibility of Manipal Digest within the university community

Rotaract Club

Manipal, India

Active Member

July 2028 – Present

- Facilitate and organize fundraising events to refurbish schools in India

TeeDee Arts

India

CO-Founder

March 2019 – Present

- Managed day-to-day operations of busy online shop and accompanying Instagram page
- coordinated with clients and sub-contractors on cost estimates and project changes and produced products by hand

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Thomas Engstrand Family Scholarship, Fall 2024

Graduate Design excellence award , Fall 2023 and Fall 2024

- Nominated for the award for designing a mixed used tall building project under the large-scale category

IALDS Japan, 2021

“Asia nightscape now and future” at enlightened Asia 2021 in Japan

- Worked with MSAP team to identify potential lighting solutions for the town UDIPI
- Team awarded first place amongst many groups from different countries

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- **BIM Software:** Autodesk Revit | Autodesk AutoCAD | SketchUp | Rhino
- **3D rendering:** Lumion | V ray | twin motion
- **Design skills:** Drafting | Sketching | Critical problem solving | Model making
- **Presentation:** PowerPoint | Adobe photo shop | InDesign | Illustrator | Procreate
- **Soft skills:** Public Speaking | Fundraising | Critical Thinking | Collaboration | Strategic Thinking | Research & Information Gathering | Adaptability
- **Languages:** Fluent in English | Native Speaker in Telugu | Conversational in Hindi