
RIBA Foundation, courses for students in practice

Welcome to the practices interested in the [RIBA Foundation](#):

What is the RIBA Foundation in Architecture?

The RIBA Foundation in Architecture is a course open to students anywhere in the world. It is delivered online by Oxford Brookes University, validated by the RIBA, and accredited by NCFE. The central aim is to widen participation into Architecture by allowing students to gain experience in practice, to study part-time and develop the network, portfolio, and confidence to thrive in Part1 & beyond into registration as an Architect.

Why early practice experience is important?

Research shows that students working in practice have a deeper commitment to academic studies, and that their time in practice encourages a deeper aspiration to join the profession. The participation of Architectural Practices in the course is crucial to engaging Foundation students in their first experience of the profession.

What are the timelines for participating?

The course runs from December -July each year and students practice experience (200hrs) takes anytime during their studies and exceptionally beyond. Students are encouraged to secure placements in architecture practices or landscape, urban design, planning and other creative fields. The study course includes preparation for practice.

How do students gain instruction?

Students work closely with a personal tutor on their assignment briefs and are in regular contact with the RIBA Foundation team. Their work in practice will be an extension of that experience and helps integrate practice and academic work. The practice will have an in-house mentor to monitor the student's work and support their ambition to join the profession.

What are the activities / remuneration expected while in practice?

The role of the mentor is also to help ensure students have the opportunity to engage and contribute to the range of RIBA Plan of Work 0-7 where feasible. Foundation students come from a range of backgrounds with a plethora of transferable skills and experiences and have a great deal to offer the industry at this early stage of their academic studies in architecture. Salary expectations are at the living wage or above. The aim is to gain their first 200hours practice experience but for students who continue on a full-time basis, the appropriate holidays / insurance / pension contributions are expected.

Where is our current cohort located?

Our students are located across the UK and Ireland, and a number have joined us across the EEA and West Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Many are also willing to move for periods to gain experience with practices.

Why participate?

It has already proven to be very rewarding for practices. Helping to evolve the atmosphere of supporting architectural training and education and being part of opening up the profession, and encouraging diversity also brings new energy and perspectives. Participating practices will be recognised by the RIBA and invited to the RIBA Graduation ceremony with the RIBA Director of Education and Head of the School of Architecture, Oxford Brookes University.

What are the next steps?

Please contact us if you would like more information about our course, our students, and the importance of your potential role. Thank you!

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