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Student Organised Network for Architecture

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***'SONA represents the future,
and through the promotion
of students aims to develop
a culture of leadership and
community for the advancement
of Australian architecture'***

position description

position title

(University Name) SONA Representative

position focus

To deliver relevant and engaging services to local SONA members and students across Australia. To encourage a student studio culture, of critique and camaraderie. To intensify student's university study and social experiences, providing opportunities for professional networking + career development.

To provide a student perspective to Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) committees and focus groups. To advocate for student talent through publications, competitions + prizes.

relationships

This position reports to SONA Executive, consisting of the SONA President, Immediate Past SONA President, and the SONA Vice Presidents.

There is significant contact with the National Manager of Membership Development and the National Membership Programs Officer at the Institute.

There is significant contact with your local chapter staff at the Institute.

This position has significant contact with other SONA Representatives from universities around Australia and architecture (and associated degree) students in general.

detailed responsibilities

Develop an understanding of what SONA offers and communicate this effectively to students.

Work successfully as a team with other SONA reps to achieve successful events, publications and competitions.

Work successfully as an individual to achieve successful events, publications and competitions.

Represent yourself, SONA, the Australian Institute of Architects, your university colleagues, and your university.

- You will be responsible for new membership recruitment
- You will be required to organise events (local and national)
- You will be required to attend events (local and national)
- You will be required to communicate and participate in meetings, teleconference calls, as well as email correspondence and social media!

position requirements

educational competencies

You should be currently enrolled in an architectural bachelor or master's degree at an accredited Australian university.

personal competencies

- You are an effective communicator
- You are organised and you complete tasks in a timely manner
- You are a team player
- You are an innovative thinker
- You are committed to doing your best!

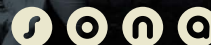
benefits of the SONA Rep role!

- Free SONA membership
- Make new friends
- Learn more about the Australian architecture profession
- Become a leader at your university
- Enliven your campus culture
- Help other students become involved in the profession
- Meet and work with new people
- Learn new organisational skills
- Travel around Australia
- Be part of a great community interested in design

what do you stand for?

Tell us what you believe you can contribute to the role, how will you make a difference to students and architecture through your involvement as a SONA Rep in 2015?

don't forget we'll be here to help you throughout the year.



Richard McRae

— SONA Representative
Bond University 2014

My position as a SONA rep has allowed me to meet students from around Australia, attend local and national events and engage with some of Australia's leading architects. It has been an invaluable experience for me on a personal level but more importantly, the position has also allowed me to inspire and encourage other students to become more involved in the profession which we are studying to be a part of. I strongly encourage anyone who is passionate about architecture to apply for the SONA rep position at their local university!



Meherzad Shroff

— SONA Representative
University of Adelaide 2014

In my experience being a SONA rep requires the desire and drive to be a strong voice and to advocate on behalf of your peers. I became a SONA rep to be able to impact change and make a meaningful contribution to my architecture student body. Being a rep has its perks, but the friends made during my tenure and the impact I have had on the architecture student community will resonate longer. Networking and advocating with students, for students is the reason why SONA exists. If you wish to implement change and be a representative voice within the architecture student community, SONA can be the platform for you to act.

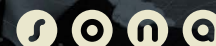
Be more, do more, change more. Apply now!



Christina Solomon

— SONA Representative
University of Queensland 2014

To apply for the role of the 'Student Organised Network for Architecture' (SONA) Representative at your chosen university may seem a little intimidating at first. However, from experience I can share with you that it has been an invaluable experience and I am very proud to have held this position. For any student willing to further their involvement and grasp a new perspective on architectural education and the profession I recommend nominating yourself, I promise you will not regret it!



Paul Violett

- SONA President Elect 2015
- SONA Vice President - Events 2014
- SONA Representative
University of Queensland 2013

If you have ever wondered about how to get more out of your architectural degree, I can't think of a better way than becoming a SONA representative. Besides looking great on your resume, the opportunity to collaborate with fellow students and engage with professionals at a closer level is often hard to come by. In organising events, I felt I was able to help students interact with the profession and personally gain valuable connections and experience. By applying there really is nothing to lose and with the backing of the Australian Institute of Architects there's a great support network to help you along the way!



Jessica Chaplin-Mills

- SONA Representative
Curtin University 2014

There's probably only one way to describe my experience. WOW. It's something everyone should do. It has been a year that has opened my eyes further to the world that is architecture. The events and experiences I have had the opportunity to be involved in alone are amazing. And the people. The people you meet are beyond words. I have to say the best experience of the year has been organising and holding the One:One event for WA and knowing that those involved had a great time.

If you have ever thought that you wanted to be more involved in architecture and the culture of architecture then being a SONA rep for your university is definitely a role for you.



Fiona Robertson

- SONA Vice President Elect
- SONA Representative
RMIT 2014

SONA has been a highlight of my university experience thus far. I applied to become a SONA Rep not really knowing what to expect, but I am so glad that I submitted an application. I've gained confidence this year and I've begun to develop and grow invaluable skills that will be useful in the architecture industry. SONA has put me in touch with a national network of architecture schools and students, it has been an incredible opportunity to work with like-minded people towards making the study of architecture the best experience for students at my university and those studying across Australia.

We want you!

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Would you make a fantastic SONA Rep? Please tell us about yourself now and apply for the position of SONA Rep at your university.

Title: _____

First Names: _____

Surname: _____

D.O.B: _____

SONA membership number: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

University: _____

Year Level: _____

Academic Referee: _____

Position: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Platform Statement (max 200 words) - please attach

Photo - please attach high res jpeg (this will be for use on the website)

Please submit this form via email, attaching a current photo along with your platform statement (max 200 words) to: loren.bates@architecture.com.au