



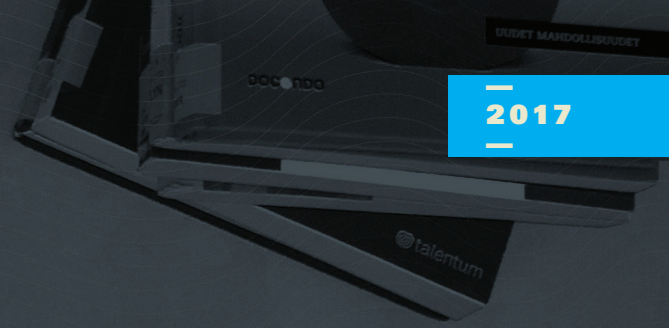
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Student Organised Network for Architecture

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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 Emerging Professionals and the Emerging Professional Administration Assistant 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!
- Be good with time management to juggle your role with university priorities.

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 2017?

*If the Institute feels that you aren't appropriately meeting these responsibilities you may be asked to step down at any time.

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!



Lily Parsons

- SONA Vice President 2016
- SONA Representative
University of Queensland 2015

Becoming a SONA rep is an opportunity like no other. It allows you to be a representative student voice and garner new perspectives on what it means to be part of the Australian architecture community. Being a SONA rep is an opportunity to impart real change within your university and engage students with a vibrant profession. By opening up a world that many students may let slip by, you can truly make a positive impact on the people around you. In addition, the support and relationships formed with other reps from across the nation has been astonishing and nothing less than inspiring to watch others excel.

With SONA comes a unique sense of confidence. Just as readily as you are taught invaluable skills, you come to recognise and value your own personal strengths. With passion and energy in tow, SONA shows you just how much you are truly capable of.



Reinette Roux

- SONA Vice President 2016
- SONA Representative
University of Western Australia 2015

Like many before me, I applied for the SONA rep position somewhat blindly, not knowing what it entailed exactly, and whether I was even the right person to do the job. Luckily, the current SONA representative of the year told me to give it a shot and that I had nothing to lose. And boy, did I gain from this experience. SONA did not only allow me to represent my University and broaden the network for architecture students in my state, it also gave me the opportunity to meet and form relationships with fantastic new people, all with a common goal and passion: to make architecture in Australia the best that it can be, starting with the most important people, the students. It also strengthened my love for architecture and gave me skills beyond anything that can be taught in a classroom. This opportunity has allowed me to become more involved with professionals in the field, and gain a thorough understanding of what it means to be an architect in Australia.

And on top of all this, I had the time of my life.



Paul Violett

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

Through SONA, students have the opportunity to shape events and student culture at their university. Being a rep is extremely rewarding and with the budget and support from the Australian Institute of Architects to run social and professional events, you can help enhance the architecture experience at your university for the cohort and yourself, creating opportunities and connections that might not be apparent from just going through your degree.

If you feel like you want to engage more with the profession and see the opportunity to get things done at your school I highly recommend you apply!



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 (events) 2015
- SONA Representative RMIT 2014

My experiences as a rep and VP have given me the opportunity to meet like-minded architecture students across Australia, as well the chance for more meaningful interaction with architects and the professional industry. I've sat on accreditation panels and state chapter committees, attended conferences, state and national awards, and chaired a nationwide event. If you're looking for a way to get involved with the architecture industry while still studying at uni, being on the SONA team gives you the opportunity to instigate change at a local/state/national level and provide direction to the future of Australian architecture.

We want

you!

2017



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

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