

SONA is the student member group of
the **Australian Institute of Architects**

2019 SONA Rep Application



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Student Organised Network for Architecture

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 the SONA Executive, consisting of the SONA President, the SONA President Elect and the SONA Vice Presidents.

There is significant contact with the National Membership Services Manager and the National Membership Engagement 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!
- > Be good with time management to juggle your role with university priorities.

Benefits of the SONA Rep role

- > Free SONA membership
- > Become a leader at your university
- > 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 2019?

*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.

SONA Rep Testimonials



Amarinda Bazeley



Estefano Bonfante

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SONA Representative –
University of Melbourne 2018

My role as a SONA Representative has allowed me to give back to my fellow students and provide opportunities for career development, networking and mentorship. It has been extremely rewarding to represent my peers and communicate their voice on a variety of platforms.

Personally, it has introduced me to a whole world of opportunity for my career. I have been fortunate to meet many wonderful individuals involved in the architecture profession that I can draw from in professional experience, knowledge, guidance and support.



Troy Borg

Estefano Bonfante

SONA Representative –
University of Sydney 2018

The idea of SONA, it's a great opportunity for students to connect with the reality of the Architecture world. It has been great forming part of this organisation, since it has pushed me to put myself out there and connect experienced and professional architects with students. SONA has definitely made my last year of my Master's degree a great tool to network and connect with people.

Troy Borg

SONA President 2018

What more can I say?

Are you passionate about making strong friendships and connections with your peers and enjoy a little hard work whilst having fun?

I've met so many new people as being a rep takes you on an exciting journey, I've been able to travel around to different states and understand more deeply the profession I'm entering. Its beneficial if you're super organised, enthusiastic and have a willingness to help others.

Being a rep exposes you to limitless opportunities that present themselves when you give back to your community. Organise a chat with your current representative, or feel free to contact any of the current Sona executive team for more information about how being a rep has enhanced the student experience in their lives.



Ishka Heart



Jacques Chevrant-Breton

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SONA Representative –
University of Tasmania 2018

Taking on the role to engage students to be involved with SONA within my University (UTAS) was immediately supported from the beginning at boot-camp; meeting the other reps from Australian universities. This taught me of the potential for SONA to be a vibrant national student community.

The networking through events allows you to traverse between studying and industry and facilitates opportunities of interactions with professionals. There are exciting prospects for the future of SONA Australia-wide and I strongly recommend anyone who is eager and passionate, to be involved.

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Gina Engelhardt

Jacques Chevrant-Breton

SONA Vice President –
Member Engagement 2018

Being a part of SONA is not just an opportunity to engage with fellow students, but also an amazing opportunity to engage with industry alongside the wider student body to encourage, facilitate and enhance collaboration.

Passion, being driven, and strong interpersonal skills are all key to ensuring SONA continues to have a positive and enduring impact on the student body... Be ready to step outside of your comfort zone.

Gina Engelhardt

SONA Vice President - Events 2018

Having been with SONA for three years now, I know a little bit about how things work around here. At this point of your application, you're bursting with ideas and we are waiting to hear them! We want to hear about the events you want to attend that don't exist yet.

Beyond events, SONA has given me the ability and the skill set to shape the student culture and create a more positive university environment. I have been able to represent the student body to architects at a state and national level and have given a voice to our concerns. SONA has enabled me to advocate for students and has given me a voice which will be heard.

SONA is a great experience as a student, but as a representative or committee member you can bring your visions to life. Your year as SONA Rep will give you the opportunity to engage with your fellow students and professionals to new depths. Let me encourage you to apply and help provide direction to the future of Australian architecture.

SONA Rep Testimonials

Apply now!

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: sona@architecture.com.au



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