



The Architectural Association

Course Head, Professional Practice 1 (BA (Hons) Architecture/AA Intermediate Programme)

Salary:	£59,000 – £71,000 pro rata
Location:	London – Bedford Square/Montague Street
Department:	Teaching and Learning
Reporting to:	Head of Teaching
Starting Date:	1 st August 2025
Contract Type:	Permanent
Hours of work:	0.5 days per week / 0.1 FTE

Role Overview

We are seeking an individual with a strong record of teaching and professional practice in architecture. The candidate will be an inspirational leader with a passionate for teaching and learning, with expertise in professional practice and a proven track record in the architectural profession.

This academic role involves the leadership of the Professional Practice 1 course in the BA (Hons) Architecture/Intermediate Programme at the AA School. The Course Head will lead the management, delivery, teaching, assessment and staffing of the course that teaches through terms 1 and 2 of the academic calendar.

The role requires an individual with an active understanding and involvement in the landscape of the architectural profession and will be expected to remain at the forefront of the field whilst in post.

The candidate will have experience in innovative curriculum design and development. The role requires the delivery of high-quality, tailored, student-centred teaching. The candidate will also have excellent communication skills and transparency in their interaction with colleagues as well as students.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up appointment on 1st August 2025.

Main Responsibilities

Teaching and Assessment

Candidates should be able to contribute to a variety of aspects of teaching in the field of professional practice. The contribution to teaching will include course development and coordination, lecturing, conducting seminars and small group teaching, managing a small group of guest speakers, consultants and tutors, tutoring undergraduate students, as well as setting and examining assessed coursework.

Administration

Candidates will also be expected to undertake administrative duties for the Professional Practice 1 course, for instance: participation in relevant committees and working groups; coordination of teaching, timetables, participation in admissions processes; quality assurance; student surveys and feedback systems.

Person Specification

Education and Qualifications

- Qualified Architect
- Experience in architectural design practice

Specialist Knowledge and Skills

- In-depth knowledge of professional practice in a UK context (with an awareness of different professional contexts globally)
- Evidence of outstanding teaching ability
- Evidence of team leadership

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are required to explain concepts and complex information to non-experts, non-native English speakers, and to develop and encourage the commitment to learn from others and present material to a range of audiences
- Fluent in English

Relevant Experience

- Evidence of ability to teach effectively and rigorously at university-level
- Experience in curriculum development

Additional Requirements

- Ability to line manage a small team of academics and guest speakers, to provide clarity and sensitivity to the support of academic staff
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, and to work with colleagues in a collegial and collaborative manner
- Ability to undertake administrative duties to a high standard
- Ability to take an inclusive approach towards teaching and working with colleagues
- Administrate and undertake summative assessment of coursework
- Prepare for and be available for external examination events
- Involvement in academic budget planning and expenditure in line with budgetary constraints

The above list of duties and responsibilities is not exclusive or exhaustive and the post holder will be required to undertake such tasks as may reasonably be expected within the scope of the role.

All staff must:

- Comply with all legislative and regulatory requirements (e.g. Finance, HR, Health & Safety)
- Adhere to the requirements set out in the AA Code of Behavioural Expectations and other institutional policies.

Terms of Appointment

Tenure and Probation

The appointment is subject to satisfactory completion of a two-year probationary period.

Right to Work in the UK

We have a legal responsibility to ensure that you have the right to work in the UK before you can start working for us. If you do not have the right to work in the UK, any offer of employment we make will be conditional upon you gaining it.

Qualifications

The person specification for this position lists qualifications that are essential and/or desirable. Please note that if you are offered the post you will be asked to provide your relevant original certificates of these qualifications.

References

Offers of appointment will be subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.