



The Architectural Association

Studio Master, First Year (BA (Hons) Architecture/AA Intermediate Programme)

Salary:	£55,000 – £59,000 pro rata
Location:	London – Bedford Square
Department:	Teaching and Learning
Reporting to:	Head of First Year
Starting Date:	1 st August 2025
Contract Type:	Permanent
Hours of work:	2 days per week / 0.4 FTE

Role Overview

We are seeking an individual with a strong record of teaching in architecture. The candidate is expected to have experience teaching undergraduate students for a minimum of 3 years and have a good knowledge of architectural history and theory. The candidate will have experience of teaching architecture through innovative methods, including through discussion, through making, and through visual representations.

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. Experience related to professional practice in architecture is very welcome but not mandatory.

The role involves working alongside a team of tutors and the Head of First Year. The academic year is structured around 6 briefs-exercises (2 each term), and the candidate is expected to teach to a group of 14 students that will be assigned randomly for each brief. The general briefs are defined by the Head of First Year. Individual tutors are then expected to write their own brief-exercises that address a specific topic by deciding upon a particular emphasis, tools, media, deliverables and format of teaching. Tutors may decide to collaborate on a specific brief by teaching in pairs.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up appointment on 1st August 2025. Preliminary meetings with the Head of First Year and other tutors can take place in July (physical or online). During August 2025, the candidate is not required to be at the AA and will be expected to work independently to prepare the first teaching exercise of the academic year.

Beginning 15th September 2025, the candidate is expected to teach 2-days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, and to attend assessment panels in January, March and June.

Main Responsibilities

First Year

- Writing 4 briefs-exercises related to the general common agenda (individually or alongside another tutor) which will be mentored by the Head of First Year.
- Deliver teaching to a group of 14 students twice weekly, from mid-September through to June.
- Attending juries (crits) and assessment panels in January, March and June.
- Writing student feedback for each jury and review.
- Assuring a high quality of learning experience to students with pastoral care when needed.
- To be punctual with regards to tutorials attendance, reviews and deadlines.

School Wide

- Taking advantage of being part of the Architectural Association by being involved, when possible, in activities and events.

Person Specification

Education and Qualifications

- Qualified Architect.
- Experience in architectural education.
- Recommended but not mandatory: experience in design practice.

Specialist Knowledge and Skills

- Good knowledge of architectural histories and theories.
- In-depth knowledge of tools and media related to architecture design and communication.
- Evidence of outstanding teaching ability to teach effectively and rigorously at university-level.
- Works well in a team.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are required to explain concepts and complex information to First Year students, non-native English speakers, encourage students' commitment to learn and present material to a range of audiences.
- Fluent in English.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, and to work with colleagues in a collegial and collaborative manner.

The above list of duties and responsibilities are 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.