

Senior Architect

Aga Khan Agency for Habitat

The position

The Senior Architect role at the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, based in Mumbai, involves leading sustainable and community-centric design for housing and redevelopment projects. Key responsibilities include ensuring compliance with redevelopment bylaws, conducting feasibility studies, integrating green building practices, and providing field guidance. The role also emphasizes stakeholder collaboration, innovation in sustainable technologies, and team leadership to support efficient project delivery.

Location: Mumbai

Responsibilities:

- **Upholding Standards and Values:** Ensure alignment with AKDN values and quality-of-life standards across all housing and habitat planning projects, with a special emphasis on redevelopment projects.
- **Design and Planning:** Lead the architectural design process for housing, institutional, and redevelopment projects, ensuring designs are innovative, sustainable, and aligned with user needs. Incorporate strategies to optimize space utilization, community engagement, and resource efficiency in redevelopment contexts.
- **Expertise in Redevelopment Bylaws:** Demonstrate a strong understanding of local redevelopment bylaws, zoning regulations, and building codes to ensure compliance in all stages of redevelopment projects. Stay updated with changes in regulations and incorporate them into planning and design.
- **Feasibility Studies and Reports:** Conduct feasibility studies for redevelopment projects to assess financial, structural, and design viability. Prepare comprehensive feasibility reports, including cost analysis, potential challenges, and recommendations for project optimization.
- **Review of Project Layouts:** Conduct comprehensive reviews of architectural layouts for all assigned projects, ensuring adherence to standards, feasibility, and functionality, especially in redevelopment scenarios.
- **Green Building Guidelines:** Integrate AKDN Green Building guidelines into new construction and redevelopment projects, including existing buildings undergoing significant repairs or retrofitting.
- **Field Guidance and Implementation:** Guide field teams and supervise the implementation of pilot projects, particularly those related to habitat improvement in redevelopment sites.
- **Sustainable Technologies and Practices:** Research and recommend alternative technologies for construction, waste management, and energy efficiency. Promote low-emission solutions to enhance sustainability in redevelopment and new construction projects.
- **Project Management Support:** Ensure time efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and quality control in all design deliverables for redevelopment and housing projects.
- **Cross-Functional Design Support:** Provide design expertise to development program teams and collaborate across departments as needed.
- **Community-Centric Approach:** Liaise with community members, agencies, and consultants to incorporate their needs and preferences into redevelopment design alternatives.
- **Agency and Stakeholder Collaboration:** Coordinate with various stakeholders, including local authorities, consultants, and builders, to address challenges unique to redevelopment projects.
- **Research and Innovation:** Lead research initiatives related to housing, redevelopment, and institutional projects, ensuring data-driven design approaches. Document best practices and processes to support continuous improvement in redevelopment strategies.
- **Team Management and Leadership:** Oversee efficient team operations, ensuring timely delivery of redevelopment and other assigned projects. Foster a collaborative and innovative work culture within the team.

The requirements

Education: Bachelor's in Architecture preferred. Master's in environmental architecture/ Sustainable Design will add extra advantage.

Experience: Minimum 7 years of experience in architectural design.

Skills:

- Good understanding of construction quality parameters.
- Expertise in design software like AutoCAD and Sketchup.
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Knowledge of building codes for India.
- Research skills to identify latest design practices and technology.

Sector

Social Development

About the Agency

A new agency, the Aga Khan Agency for the Habitat (AKAH), works to ensure that people live in physical settings that are as safe as possible from the effects of natural disasters, that residents who do live in such disasters in terms of preparedness and response, and that these settings provide access to social and financial services that lead to greater opportunities and a better quality of life. The new agency merges the Building Services, with its prize-winning water and sanitation programmes and low-cost habitat products, such as smoke-free stoves; the humanitarian arm of AKDN, FOCUS, which promotes disaster mitigation disasters; the AKDN's Disaster Risk Management Initiative, which focuses on disaster preparedness in remote areas; and the environment- and habitat-related activities of the Aga Khan Foundation, including the Environment and the Foundation's highly regarded rural support programmes.

Region

South Asia

Location

India

Salary

Salary and package to attract the best candidate

Job Expires

30-Apr-2025

Junior Architect

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The **Junior Architect** role at the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat in Mumbai involves supporting civil and infrastructure projects by ensuring quality standards, coordinating with consultants, and conducting daily site supervision. Responsibilities also include managing on-site resources, maintaining project documentation, and contributing to planning and budgeting efforts. The role requires strong coordination skills and proficiency in design software.

Location: Mumbai

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsible and accountable for ensuring AKDN quality standards in all civil and infrastructural projects.
- Liaise with beneficiaries for implementing Project activities.
- Undertake daily site supervision as per instructions and ensure implementation of quality parameters.
- Undertake material and labour (skilled) management on site.
- create architectural drawings and coordinate with consultants.
- Report daily progress for each site to Program Manager before close of Business hours.
- Maintain and file all relevant documents pertaining to project activities.
- Maintain all documentation pertaining to project / program activities including proper bills / receipt / vouchers while incurring any expenditure related to Project / Program.
- Participate in cross functional departmental exercise.
- Support in identifying opportunities for new projects and infrastructure needs.
- Support Preparation of yearly budgets and new proposals.

The requirements

Educational Qualification: Bachelor's in Architecture.

Experience: Minimum 2 years of experience in architectural design

Skills:

- Good understanding of construction quality assurance and control parameters.
- Excellent Co-ordination Skills.
- Expertise in design software like AutoCAD and Sketchup.
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Knowledge of building codes for India.

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