

# Career: Architecture

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Architecture is a diverse field that involves the design of all aspects of the built environment from individual buildings and spaces to the design of cities and urban infrastructures. The education of an architect requires study in the design of forms and spaces, history and cultural theory, construction technology and computer modeling. It is an accredited education leading directly to employment in the field and an examination to become a registered architect. Many architects open their own firms and receive public and private building commissions. With their diverse, professional training there are also opportunities in the public sector and the construction and entertainment industries. Architects are often called upon to provide leadership and creativity for ecological studies, master planning for companies and institutions, computer imaging, landscape design and interior design. Pratt offers an education that encourages the development of such vision by stimulating imagination and creativity in the unique culture of the architectural design studio. This dynamic environment is combined with rigorous professional and theoretical studies, including a rapidly expanding Electronic Design Studio, and a broad selection of courses in building technology, cultural theory and urban studies. The curriculum at Pratt reflects the dynamic character of the profession, exposing students to an experimental design culture while training them as leaders in the creation of buildings, spaces and cities.

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## Some Employers of Pratt Alumni

\*Scarano & Associates  
Architects  
Skidmore Owings & Merrill  
\*HLW  
Gwathmy Siegel  
Richard Meier  
Pei, Cobb, Freed  
Robert A.M. Stern

Conklin Rossant  
\* KPF  
NYC Transit Authority  
Tod Williams & Billie Tsien  
Bernard Tschumi  
Port Authority  
\* Hillier  
NYC Transit Authority

\*Gensler  
Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer  
Steven Holl  
Con Edison  
\*Perkins and Will  
Ehrenkrantz and Eckstut  
Helmuth, Obata &  
Kassabaum

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## Profile of a Successful Graduate

Having worked in various situations prior to graduation, James was very active on campus as a Senator to SGA and organizer of several clubs. After graduation, he continued to work with his part-time employer, an engineering firm, and four years later opened his own firm that now has over 60 employees and offers architectural, interior design and construction services. He credits his extra-curricular involvement and graduate business courses for his success in running a very successful office.

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## Bottom Line

*Entry Level Average Starting Salary:*  
*B.Arch: \$43,000--\$48,000*  
*M.Arch: \$50,000-\$55,000*

*Special Characteristics:*  
Architecture is a respected profession similar to law and medicine. It requires leadership qualities and a professional demeanor.

The Office of Career Services lists over 4000 jobs annually. We offer career counseling and job referrals for those entering their professional field as well as general art-related jobs for those still developing portfolios. In addition, a number of companies come each year to interview students for

internships and permanent positions.  
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