

CV HAFSA SAAD SYED



WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Architecture Critic – University of Westminster

London, UK – Sept 2022 to Sept 2024

– Invited to provide feedback to Year 3 BA architecture students at end-of-term presentations panel, three to four times during each academic year

RIBA Part 1 Architectural Assistant – Brett Zamore Design

Houston, Texas, USA – Oct 2021 to Jun 2022

– Produced full drawing sets for three small-scale residential projects, including architectural, structural and MEP details using BIM modelling
– Assisted in drafting for medium to large-scale commercial projects
– Fully redesigned the practice website and managed social media presence

RIBA Part 1 Architectural Assistant – Heritage Foundation of Pakistan (Yasmeen Lari Design Lab)

Karachi, Pakistan – Oct 2020 to Mar 2021

– Led a UNESCO World Heritage Site project in collaboration with the British Council, involving teaching local history to a youth group, managing youth's heritage documentation work, and creating +120 page archival report including line drawings and site research
– Assisted on-site with bamboo and earth construction
– Managed website and social media content, including creating daily blog posts

Elected Studio Representative throughout Undergraduate and Masters – University of Westminster (UOW) and Architectural Association School (AA)

London, UK – Oct 2017 to Aug 2020

– Elected as studio representative for five consecutive years, demonstrating a strong passion for student advocacy
– Initiated and led the UOW Year 3 Student Mentoring Scheme, fostering peer support and guidance
– Collaborated with students and tutors to implement improvements in coursework, diversity, and mental health support within the Architecture courses

Virtual Exhibition Design and Build – University of Westminster

London, UK – Jul 2020 to Aug 2020

– Leader of 3D modelling and file organisation of University of Westminster's first end of year – virtual 3D exhibition, in collaboration with Fabricaon Lab London

V&A 'Mosque Pavilion' Design and Detail – Makespace Architects and AKII

London, UK – Oct 2019 to Apr 2020

– Produced site analysis and design research documents as an integrated school module, upon being the selected 10-person student group to collaborate with architect Shahed Saleem and AKII
– Designed and detailed the dome structure in collaboration with a fellow student partner

Architectural Fabricator Intern – Mamou-Mani Ltd.

London, UK, Jan 2020 – Jan 2020

– Produce detailing and connections research of a triangular metal facade wall system
– Fabricated mock-up models at scales 1:5 to 1:2 of veneer facade system
– Although declined due to academic practicality at the time, I was offered to continue my internship upon showcasing a dedicated attitude and committed work ethic

Architectural Intern – Gianni Botsford Architects

London, UK, Jun 2019 – Jul 2019

– Assisted in producing and editing the final renders and visuals for a large scale concert hall completion
– 3D modelling and design work

AWARDS and DISTINCTIONS

AA Diploma: Environmental Technical Studies Distinction

The Architectural Association School of Architecture, Year 5 – 2024

– Received the Distinction Award for ETS5 in final year thesis project, 'Fluctuating Flyways'
– Conducted extensive research, producing a 120-page document on willow and cob experimentation
– Led three large-scale 1:1 builds using willow weaving, often collaborating with a local willow sculptor

RIBA Bronze President's Medal Student Nominee

Global 'Royal Institute of British Architects' Competition – 2020

– Undergraduate final year project 'Living a WILDlife' nominated by University of Westminster

AIA UK Student Charrette Winner

ROCA London Gallery – 2019

– A group-work design challenge to propose a community gathering scheme for a public space in Chelsea, London

Academic Excellence Award

University of Westminster / 2018

– Award of Overall Excellence throughout the academic year in BA Architecture

EDUCATION

MArch (RIBA Part 2) – Architectural Association School of Architecture

London, UK, Sept 2022 to August 2024

– Year 5: First-Class Honours
Tutors: Inigo Minns and Manijeh Verghese

– Year 4: First-Class Honours
Tutors: George Massoud and Merve Anil

BA (Hons) Architecture (RIBA Part 1) – University of Westminster

London, UK, Sept 2017 to Aug 2020

– First Class Honours in all years of undergraduate

A-Levels International Certification

Manarat Al-Riyadh International School
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – Sep 2015 to Jun 2017

– AAA grading (GPA 4.0)
(Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry)

IGCSE International Certification

– 6 A* and 2 As

SKILLS

Unreal Engine Rendering	Adobe Suite
BIM Modelling	Enscape
Video Editing (PremierePro)	Auto-CAD
Rhinoceros 3D	Model Making
Grasshopper	Hand Drawing

LANGUAGES

English	–	Fluent
Urdu	–	Fluent
Arabic	–	Beginner

INTERESTS

Furniture Construction
ACAN – Architects Climate Action Network
Wing Chun and Martial Arts

REFEREES

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