The HDR GAP* Year | A partnership for the future of our profession

*GAP stands for Graduate Architecture Prep

What is it?

The HDR GAP year - is a partnership with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Architecture.

This program recognizes undergraduate student(s) that have chosen to attend graduate school at an institution other than the University of Nebraska. The candidates for this position must hold a four-year degree in Architecture, Interior Design and/or Landscape Architecture from the College. The candidate(s) must state their intention to take a "GAP" year to prepare their portfolio and make applications to their choice of graduate schools in the design disciplines of Architecture, Interior Design and/or Landscape Architecture. This is a "full-time position" that is designed to specifically fill the gap of one calendar year traditionally starting in May following graduation and concluding the following summer when the candidate(s) will depart HDR to begin his, her graduate education at their new institution. The successful program will have a period of overlap each year when the new candidate(s) joins in May while the departing candidate is completing his or her tenure in August.

What HDR offers

In addition to traditional employment in the Omaha Design Studio and a great experience with some of the world's best design professionals, HDR will provide the gap year staff member a week off near the Thanksgiving Holiday to prepare/finalize their portfolio, letters of recommendation and applications.

HDR will introduce the gap year staff member to members of the practice that are alumni of the schools they plan to apply to and put them in contact with past gap year staff that are or have attended these schools. We are fully committed to helping them realize their goal and will be one of their biggest fans during this process.

Skills of a successful candidate

In addition to the degree requirement, the successful candidate will have a strong portfolio of work and graphic communication skills. The ability to write copy and narrative is also highly recommended.

Success

We a very proud to report that UNL CoArch alumni and HDR GAP program participants have successfully gone on to Princeton University School of Architecture, the University of Pennsylvania Stuart Weitzman School of Design and the Harvard Graduate School of Design and Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation.

Princeton University School of Architecture

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