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THE
ARCHITECT
SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Ages 15-18
London | UCL Campus

The Ultimate Work Experience in ARCHITECTURE

Over the course of 2 weeks, you will step into the shoes of an architect through a range of immersive career simulations and exclusive professional site visits.

Have the unique opportunity to take on two architectural briefs, working through the full design cycle twice. Build your portfolio along the way and develop critical design skills through workshops led by practising architects. Round off your Summer Experience by pitching your final designs to a panel of experts before curating your own exhibition.



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15-18

Location
London, UCL Campus

Length
1 week or 2 weeks

Start Dates
19th July



Programme highlights



Complete the professional design cycle, from sketches to final models, boosting your portfolio



Pitch your final designs to a panel of architects and architectural assistants and receive invaluable feedback



Experience the day-to-day life of an architect whilst visiting a top architecture and urban design firm



Receive extensive coaching on each stage of the architecture school journey and receive detailed feedback on your work



Gain a certificate, industry reference letter and an accredited Level 3 Award in Work Experience & Career Planning



Learn from and network with senior architects and current architecture students



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
07:30 - 09:30	Residential students arrive & check-in	Breakfast						
10:00 - 10:30		Travel to Venue						
10:30 - 13:00		The World of Architecture Programme welcome and peer networking	Architecture Firm Visit Visit an award-winning architecture firm and participate in a skills training session delivered by leading architects	Intervention Research and Prototyping Collaborate with others to design your site intervention	Become the Architect Collaborate with others to create innovative designs that address your brief	The Final Crit Finalise your research presentation and models ahead of the afternoon crit		
13:00 - 14:00		Lunch Break						
14:00 - 17:00		Upskilling: The Basics Practise crucial design skills, including plans and sections, working with scale, sketching and drawing	Receiving Your Brief Receive an introduction to your brief and conduct a site visit and analysis	Modelling workshop Learn the basics and discover the best techniques for physical model making to help you fulfil your brief	Career Coaching Discover the different paths and options available to help you establish a successful career in architecture	The Final Crit: Continued Present your work to a panel of expert architects and receive invaluable feedback		
17:00 - 17:30		Travel to Accomodation						
17:30 - 19:30	Dinner & Break							
19:30 - 22:00	Induction & icebreakers	Movie night	Board game café	Sports & games night	Wellness evening	Quiz night		
22:30	Lights Out							
	WEEKEND (ENHANCED)			WEEKEND (RESIDENTIAL)				
	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
07:30 - 09:30	Breakfast				Breakfast			
10:30 - 13:00	Immersive strategy game & workshop		Professional development coaching sessions		Break - Free time		Break - Free time	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break				Lunch Break			
14:00 - 17:00	Psychometric testing & personality profiling		Expert university admissions & recruitment coaching		London walking tour		Sports day at central London park	
17:30 - 19:30	Dinner & Break				Dinner & Break			
19:30 - 22:00	Scavenger hunt		Crafts night		Scavenger hunt		Crafts night	
22:30	Lights Out				Lights Out			
	WEEKEND (NON-RESIDENTIAL)				Break - No Programmes			

Week 2 Sample Summer Experience Timetable

Residential Package Programme Content Enhanced Content

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07:30 - 09:30	Breakfast					
10:00 - 10:30	Travel to Venue					2-Week Residential students check-out & depart
10:30 - 13:00	Architecture Through the Ages Embark on a walking tour through the streets of London and discover its rich architectural history	Receiving Your Brief Undertake a new site visit and receive an exciting new brief for the second week	Introduction to Digital Design An introduction to industry-standard software and guidance on everyday application in your work	The Design Studio Work on your brief, guided by feedback from professional architects	The Exhibition Put the final touches on your designs	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break					
14:00 - 17:00	Industry visit Visit an architecture practice and explore their facilities	Sustainable Systems Learn what a sustainable system is and how it can be incorporated into your designs	The Design Studio Get stuck in, working on your brief	The Architectural Portfolio Learn how to present your designs like a true architect in preparation for the exhibition	The Exhibition Exhibit your work to an audience of professional architects in the Barbican Conservatory	1-year access granted to The InvestIN Career Accelerator
17:00 - 17:30	Travel to Accomodation					
17:30 - 19:30	Dinner & Break					
19:30 - 22:00	Film night	Sports & games night	Wellness evening	Karaoke night	Prom	
22:30	Lights Out					

Exact start/end times of each day will vary. Students will receive their personalised timetables with specific locations and venues, as well as a finalised social programme schedule, closer to the programme start date.



“The final presentation was a highlight for me. It was rewarding to showcase our hard work and receive positive feedback from stakeholders. I’ve loved everything!”

Student, the Young Architect
Summer Experience 2025

“It was well organised, the staff were friendly, the programme was very practical, I met some interesting people, and got a great insight into the profession. I would highly recommend this.”

Student, the Young Architect
Summer Experience 2024

DATES & FEES

Accommodation Check-In	Programme Start Date	Week 1 Programme End Date	Week 1 Accommodation Check-Out	Week 2 Programme End Date	Week 2 Accommodation Check-Out
Sunday 18th July 2027	Monday 19th July 2027	Friday 23rd July 2027	Saturday 24th July	Friday 30th July 2027	Saturday 31st July 2027

Length	Day Programme Fee	Residential Programme Fee
1 week	£2,290	£3,865
2 weeks	£3,865	£6,995
2-week Enhanced	£4,620	£7,930

Add-On	Fee
Airport transfers <i>Available to/from Heathrow Airport only</i>	£300 return



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PROGRAMME FEES?

	1-Week Summer Experience	2-Week Summer Experience	2-Week Enhanced Summer Experience
Hours of contact time with professionals	25	50	62
Hands-on career simulations	✓	✓	✓
Programme materials, equipment & resources	✓	✓	✓
Programme assessment & digital certificate	✓	✓	✓
On-site safeguarding & pastoral care	✓	✓	✓
Experience UCL campus	✓	✓	✓
Excursions to professional workplaces/venues	✓ Up to 2	✓ Up to 5	✓ Up to 5
Assessed activity		✓	✓
Graduation ceremony & physical certificate		✓	✓
Industry reference letter signed by professionals		✓	✓
Level 3 Award in Work Experience & Assessment for UCAS Points		✓	✓
Professional development & university admissions coaching		✓	✓
CV, LinkedIn & job application workshops			✓
Experience LSE campus			✓
Psychometric testing & personality profiling			✓
Private Gala dinner & networking event with professionals			✓
1-year access to The InvestIN Career Accelerator for virtual micro-internships & AI interviews			✓

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE SUMMER RESIDENTIAL PACKAGE?

	1-Week Summer Experience	2-Week Summer Experience	2-Week Enhanced Summer Experience
Private, single, ensuite bedroom	6 nights	13 nights	13 nights
Breakfast & dinner at accommodation canteen		✓	
Snacks & refillable water bottle		✓	
Travel to/from accommodation venue		✓	
Evening & social activities		✓	
Prom night			✓
24/7 safeguarding & pastoral support, including a designated Pastoral & Activity leader, Centre Managers & a medical office		✓	
Airport transfers to/from Heathrow airport	Available as an add-on		

Find out more about our professionals, venues, residential package & FAQs in our main prospectus

Find out more

How to Register

Registering for an InvestIN programme is a simple, straightforward process.



No application process

Students don't require prior knowledge or experience in order to attend.



Places are limited

We are typically fully booked for summer programmes by late spring.



1

Selection

Head to our website and choose your desired career, length and date of programme.

2

Payment

Pay in full online or secure your place by paying a non-refundable £950 deposit. Alternatively, contact us to pay via invoice.

3

Enrolment

You will be invited to complete a student enrolment form, so we can capture important information for your time with us, such as medical information, travel details and emergency contacts.

4

Pre-Programme

Once you have completed the student enrolment form, you will receive your pre-arrival pack, including your personalised timetable and materials.

5

Post-Programme

After you have attended a programme, you will receive a copy of the slides and content covered and be invited to complete an online assessment to receive your personalised certificate.

6

Stay in touch!

We love to hear what our alumni go on to achieve. Look out for future invitations to share your next steps with us.

Have questions?

Not sure which programme is for you?

Our admissions team are here to help. Chat live via our website, www.investin.org, email us at international@investin.org or speak to us over the phone on + 44 (0) 203 488 5089.

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