

## Definition of Architect Positions

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### SENIOR PRINCIPAL / PARTNER

Typically an owner or majority shareholder of the firm; may be the founder; titles may include president, chief executive officer, or managing principal/partner.

Licensed architect or non-registered graduate with 8-10 years of experience; responsible for significant aspects of projects.

### MID-LEVEL PRINCIPAL / PARTNER

Principal or partner; titles may include executive or senior vice president.

### ARCHITECT / DESIGNER II

Licensed architect or non-registered graduate with 6-8 years of experience, responsible for daily design or technical development of projects.

### JUNIOR PRINCIPAL / PARTNER

Recently made a partner or principal of the firm; title may include vice president.

### ARCHITECT / DESIGNER I

Recently licensed architect or non-registered graduate with 3-5 years of experience; responsible for particular parts of a project within parameters set by others.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD / SENIOR MANAGER

Senior management architect or non-registered graduate; responsible for major department(s) or functions; reports to a principal or partner.

### THIRD-YEAR INTERN

Unlicensed architecture school graduate in third year of internship; develops design or technical solutions under supervision of an architect.

### PROJECT MANAGER

Licensed architect or non-registered graduate with more than 10 years of experience; has overall project management responsibility for a variety of projects or project teams, including client contact, scheduling, and budgeting.

### SECOND-YEAR INTERN

Unlicensed architecture school graduate in second year of internship.

### SENIOR ARCHITECT / DESIGNER

Licensed architect or non-registered graduate with more than 10 years of experience; has a design or technical focus and is responsible for significant project activities.

### ENTRY-LEVEL INTERN

Unlicensed architecture school graduate in first year of internship.

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### ARCHITECT / DESIGNER III