

SUSHRUTI SANTHANAKRISHNAN

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Motivated urban designer with a strong foundation in sustainable and context-driven design, experienced in schematic planning and collaboration within multidisciplinary teams, with a focus on community-focused spaces. Passionate about innovative and inclusive design for the enhancement of urban experiences. Equipped with the ability to combine analytical thinking with creative solutions to address various urban issues.

EDUCATION

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Master of Urban Design

Pittsburgh, PA

05/2026

Relevant Coursework: Introduction to Urban Design Media, Graduate Seminar: Practice of Urban Design, Introduction to ArcGIS, Urban Design Studio: Reclaim 65

SRISHTI INSTITUTE OF ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor of Design, Public Space Design

Bangalore, India

08/2021

Thesis Project: Experience Center

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ART FOR PLAY - RAINBOWFISH EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Resident Artist

Chennai, India

10/2022 - 09/2023

- Proposed, conceptualized and designed play equipment that was inspired by the work of artist Risa Sato
- Collaborated with mentors, structural engineers, contractors and fabricators to assess factors such as safety, stability, dimensions and overall appearance of the play equipment; managed requirements and completed the work on time
- Executed on-site work, documented progress and streamlined project completion

RAINBOWFISH STUDIO

Junior Art Teacher

Chennai, India

10/2022 - 05/2023

- Taught and evaluated art work of students from upper kindergarten (UKG) to seventh grade in a Central Board school
- Assisted senior teachers in organizing materials and facilitating lessons
- Maintained comprehensive documentation of lesson plans and created presentations required for classes

TRIPLE O STUDIO

Urban Design Intern

Chennai, India

11/2021 - 09/2022

- Designed and facilitated a 900 sq.ft residential interior design project; actively supported on-site laborers to help deliver the undertaking
- Developed schematic plans using AutoCAD for residential complexes designed for senior citizens
- Documented various streetscapes, an ongoing project by the Greater Chennai Corporation to improve road quality; performed quantitative analysis of amenities present on pavements and proposed improvement measures
- Proposed and ideated designs of public spaces that can sustain increased footfall
- Researched and conceptualized designs for competitive projects in collaboration with colleagues - a mobile fish kiosk and a pan-India bus stop design
- Assisted in project documentation, presentation and actively participated in site visits of ongoing construction projects
- Organized and created original communication material for social media for weekly outreach programs and workshops
- Collaborated with colleagues in making physical models for presentations to clients

MODARCHS CONSULTANTS

Architecture Intern

Chennai, India

11/2020 - 01/2021

- Transformed 2D AutoCAD drawings of commercial spaces and residences into 3D digital models using SketchUp

AWARDS

NATIONAL DESIGN CHALLENGE

05/2022

- Awarded Second Place in a National Design Challenge for Innovative Mobile Kiosk Design for Fish Vending. Led and orchestrated the team's efforts in the challenge, which was jointly awarded by the World Bank, the Confederation of Indian Industry, and the Department of Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs, Government of India.

SKILLS

Software - AutoCAD, SketchUp, Rhino, Enscape, ArcGIS Pro, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign

Methods - Sketching, Drafting, 3D Model Making