An unparalleled opportunity for anyone—from recent high school graduates and college students to mid-career professionals—to explore the realms of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning & Design.

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Life is all about choices. Every few years, you will ask yourself: Am I headed in the right direction? Have I chosen the best path? What do I really enjoy doing? Where do I want to go next? You’re asking these questions because you know it makes all the difference if you love what you do. At Career Discovery we can help you find answers.

This six-week summer program at the Harvard Graduate School of Design (Harvard GSD) welcomes adults of all ages who are exploring these questions. Our participants are not just people considering a design career, but people with a broad spectrum of interests and remarkably diverse plans and goals. What they have in common is the drive and desire to experience the world of design and planning.

What does Career Discovery offer?
• A chance to learn first-hand what it’s like to pursue an education and possibly a career in architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning & design
• A rigorous course of intensive studio work, lectures, workshops, critiques, and field trips—sometimes social, and sometimes solitary
• An immersive culture that is challenging, rewarding, and exhilarating
• An unparalleled opportunity to explore possibilities

Open Possibilities
Design is everywhere. It surrounds us, influencing cityscapes and landscapes in ways that are material, social, emotional, and spiritual. Career Discovery takes you beyond studio-based design to examine its real-world impact.

We help you make the leap from theory to practice, and from idea to reality.

• Our faculty includes recent Harvard GSD graduate students and respected practitioners offering in-depth instruction and insightful personal guidance.
• Our lectures and discussions connect you with exceptional professionals and academics with expertise in design, history, theory, professional practice, and other aspects of the design disciplines.
• Through field trips and drawing workshops, you have the opportunity to visit professional firms in the Boston area, develop your manual drawing skills and explore design software, and view first-hand the region’s landmark examples of architecture and design.

Every Career Discovery student selects a concentration in one of the following disciplines:

ARCHITECTURE: the design and preservation of individual buildings and the understanding of relationships between buildings and their surroundings

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: the planning, design, and preservation of built and natural landscapes, from rural landscapes to urban parks and infrastructure projects

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN: the strategic planning of the city at the intersection of formal, social, civic and environmental issues

Open Eyes

Ready to explore new perspectives, test limits, and find ways to expand on an idea with potential? These concepts are central to the design and planning professions—and central to what Career Discovery offers.

Our stimulating studio environment gives you a hands-on graduate-level experience.

Career Discovery students spend most of their time, including evenings and weekends, working in the studios at the Harvard GSD. They learn to analyze any challenge from multiple angles, pursue new avenues of thinking, and craft creative solutions. Participation, dedication, and enthusiasm are essential.

The studio experience includes:
• short, intensive projects similar to first-year graduate school work
• one-on-one guidance from instructors
• group discussions and reviews
• training sessions in representation and related skills
• individual presentations to instructors and guest professionals
• direct access to the Harvard GSD’s Frances Loeb Library—one of the country’s foremost design libraries

Open Mind

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Open Heart

Career Discovery at the Harvard GSD is both a window and a door. It’s an opportunity to look deeply into the world of design and planning—for six intense and invigorating weeks—before you choose your next path.

It’s a chance to look within yourself, to examine your aspirations and then step forward with confidence into a new phase of life.

There’s no limit to where you can go from here. Beyond the design professions, design and planning are essential to many other vital aspects of society, and we have seen our students’ lives change in countless unexpected ways. Even your most fundamental modes of thinking may shift. No matter what direction you take, the Career Discovery experience will make your quest more informed and insightful as you map out the future ahead.

We hope you’ll join us.

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