

The Bartlett School of Architecture

Year Out Certificate

RIBA Stage 1

Supporting you during your Year Out



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The Year Out is often the student's first contact with the architectural world in which he or she will spend the rest of their working life and therefore should be an enjoyable and exciting time. It is an opportunity for the student to try working in different kinds of architects' offices in order to reflect on what interests them most and the kind of architect they might want to become in the future.

The Bartlett part-time Year Out course aims to give ARB/RIBA Part 1 graduates support during their first experience of work and to contextualise the architectural profession and the construction industry through a series of recall events. The course also provides a monitoring framework for students to record and analyse this first period of work experience (known as Stage 1 experience) though the RIBA PEDR (Professional Education and Development Record).

Applicants should note that the Bartlett Year Out course is a professional, not an academic course, and does not confer UCL student status.

Why do a Year Out Course at the Bartlett?

- Voted best UK School of Architecture by the UK's largest practices in **AJ 100** 2018 opinion survey of practices – topped the list for 15 years running
- Established reputation for Professional Studies Courses – the Year Out course is popular with students from the Bartlett and students from other UK Schools of Architecture
- Extensive network of practices contact The Bartlett when looking for students to employ
- Knowledge and understanding of practice in UK, Europe and Internationally

The Year Out

The Year Out is the term given to the period of work experience taken by architecture students between the end of their 3rd Year on passing Part 1, and the beginning of the final two years of a Part 2 Diploma or Masters Course. It is also referred to as Stage 1 experience in the RIBA Professional Education and Development Record (PEDR). This period of work experience forms part of the minimum 7 year's education and experience leading to registration as an architect with the ARB and Chartered Status with the RIBA. It contributes to the student's submission for their examination in Professional Practice and Management (Part 3) as they must have a minimum of 24 months approved and monitored experience.

Although 12 months is stipulated as the period of the 'Year Out', some students take longer and some work in associated fields. Students who take more than 12 months out during this period may continue to attend engage in the Bartlett's Year Out course at no extra charge.

Recording Experience: The Professional Experience Development Record (PEDR)

As a post-Part 1 architectural student on your Year Out you can register with the RIBA to use the PEDR system at www.pedr.co.uk. In order to complete the PEDR you must also be registered at a School of Architecture.

The PEDR Quarterly Record sheets records a student's employment experience and are submitted for signature by the PSA within one month of the last day of recorded experience, having first been signed by the practice mentor. The PEDR forms part of the evidence used at Part 3 to establish a student's eligibility and capability to practice as an architect.

The PEDR is a three-way collaboration between the student in practice, the practice mentor/supervisor and the Professional Studies Advisor (PSA) at a recognised School of Architecture. Students can undertake this period of work experience in an architectural practice or in associated approved fields, e.g. an engineer's office or contractor's organisation under the supervision of a suitably professionally qualified person.

ARB/RIBA Professional Experience Regulations

In order to register as an Architect in the UK, candidates taking the Part 3 examination should have recently completed a minimum of 24 months of practical experience under the direct supervision of a Professional working in the construction industry. This should include at least 12 months working in the EU, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, under the direct supervision of an Architect.

For further details refer to the RIBA website www.pedr.co.uk and the ARB website www.arb.org.uk.

When to register

We suggest that you register with us as soon as you have secured Year Out employment. However, students who are not yet in employment can register for free with us following graduation in order to attend the recall events and get support and advice. Course fees are then paid when employment is secured.

Who can register

Bartlett Students and non-Bartlett students from other Schools of Architecture working in London may enrol on the course as soon as they have employment.

The Year Out Certificate

A Year Out Certificate will be issued on satisfactory completion of the course (attendance at recall events, successful submission of an essay and completion of 4 x Professional Education Development Records).

Course structure

The Professional Studies Advisor (PSA) is your point of contact on the course.

Recall events

The course commences in the Autumn term.

There are four late afternoon/early evening recall events, usually held in October, February, April and July. There is an optional mid-September meeting to return essays and finally sign off any outstanding PEDRs.

The recall events include seminar/workshops and/or lectures by visiting practitioners/case studies and a 'show case' by Part 2 tutors and current Part 2 students promoting the Bartlett Part 2 programme.

The events are chaired by the Bartlett PSA, during which students discuss their current practical experience with reference to lecture themes and examples from office experience. Each event is followed by an informal catching-up networking session.

Lectures/seminars

There are themed lectures/seminars given by practicing architects based on live case studies. Previous talks included:

- Professionalism and ethics
- The office and the studio
- The Architect as entrepreneur
- Property development for Architects
- How to survive in uncertain times
- The changing role of the Architect
- Life after Brexit
- Working internationally

Tutorials

Students should come into the Bartlett by appointment for one-to-one tutorials with the PSA to review their progress.

Essay

The essay topics are based upon seminar/lecture themes and provide the opportunity for students to reflect on their experience. The essay is set in July.

The Role of the Professional Studies Advisor

The monitoring of practical experience is a three-way dialogue between the student, the Professional Studies Advisor and the Practice (via the practice supervisor/mentor).

The PSA works with employers and students in a combined effort to ensure the best possible professional development of the students. The PSA should be the first point of contact for the students and will organise and chair the seminar/lecture series.

The PSA is also responsible for signing off the PEDR sheets confirming the range and quality of experience gained for purposes of professional registration.

Support systems provided by PSAs at the Bartlett

- Employment and job seeking advice
- CVs, portfolio presentation and interview techniques
- Approving and monitoring PEDRs
- Liaising with employer supervisor if required
- International student support
- One-to-one tutorials
- Social events/student bar evenings

How to apply – Registration

Please complete the downloadable form from our website: www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/architecture/programmes/professional-studies/stage-1-year-out and return to: Bartlett-YearOut@ucl.ac.uk in excel format and pay the associated fee.

Pre-requisites

Students will have a Bartlett BSc Architecture Part 1 qualification. Non-Bartlett graduates with Part 1 working in London are welcome to join the Year Out course.

Costs

The Bartlett Year Out Course:

Fee £300 on commencing employment.

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The course

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