

STUDIO ASHBY

Job Description: Senior Technical Designer

Who are we?

Studio Ashby is a London-based interior design studio, founded by Sophie Ashby in 2014. We are a dynamic group of twelve experienced designers, working across residential and commercial interior design and creative direction in the UK and Internationally. We pride ourselves on our positive, professional and personal approach in all that we do. We work efficiently and collaboratively to bring integrity and soul to interior life.

What do we do?

Our mission is to create habitable spaces with identity. Whether it's a home, a restaurant, a hotel or a commercial development, we apply the same creative approach that starts with envisioning the lives of the people who will inhabit it. We question what inspires them, what moves them and how we can fulfil their desires and support their needs with our design. Art plays a central role in our inspiration and process. Stemming from Sophie's own passion and training in art history, we believe art has a vital place in every interior and no space feels complete without it.

Together with interior design we also provide creative direction. This allows us to create immersive experiences in the environments we design, ensuring the character and style of our clients is felt in substance across all details and touch points. Our creative direction includes many aspects that affect how we experience our environments: from art consultancy and buying to bespoke collaborations, books to uniforms, planting to fragrance. With greater consideration to the many layers that make up our interior world, the deeper the connection we have to it in response.

Relationships are core to all that we do: relationships with our clients, our customers, our suppliers, manufacturers and the many craftspeople and ateliers we work closely with. Our work is a collaborative process involving many different people, and strong relationships are crucial for achieving good results. We believe design should be a positive experience and it's important to have fun along the way.

Job Summary:

We are currently seeking a dynamic and experienced Technical Interior Architect/ Designer to join our team. The successful candidate will be instrumental in leading interior design projects from RIBA Stage 3 (Developed Design) to Practical Completion, combining a strong technical background in interior architecture design with proven project management expertise. This is a design management role- focussed on the day-to-day delivery of multiple projects. This is a Senior role and you will report to Associates and Directors.

What we're looking for:

- Someone who demonstrates, a passion for design and craftsmanship.
- A confident, loyal, trustworthy and charming person who can hold their own with clients, project Architects, consultant teams, suppliers, contractors, and fabricators.
- A team player with a proactive nature, excellent instincts, and open to feedback.
- Someone who exhibit's meticulous attention to detail and problem-solving skills, demonstrating tenacity in overcoming challenges.
- A highly organised person with excellent time management skills, capable of working under pressure and meeting deadlines across multiple projects.

The ideal candidate must have:

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Architecture, Interior Architecture or Interior Design.
- At least 6+ years post-graduate experience with a minimum of 4 years working on luxury residential projects.
- Proven experience working through all RIBA stages in technical interior design, showcasing a strong focus on project management.
- Strong technical detailing skills and knowledge of UK regulations.
- Excellent knowledge of material finishes and bespoke detailing.
- Extensive on-site experience
- Familiarity with contractors' proposals and change control processes.
- Confident in hand drawing and sketching.
- Advanced skills on Vectorworks, Adobe Creative Suite & Microsoft Suite.
- Financially proficient in high-end residential project costs, adept at creatively responding to budgets through industry knowledge and benchmarking.
- Impeccable and concise communication and presentation skills, verbal and written. They must be fluent in spoken and written English.

The role broken down:

Design + Technical Expertise

- Manage multiple interior design projects, overseeing all aspects from RIBA Stage 3 (Developed Design) to Practical Completion, ensuring strict adherence to project timelines, budgets, and the highest quality standards.
- Advise and assist the design team with technical input during the concept stages, streamline buildability and address unforeseen challenges.
- Deliver confident, experienced and skilled space planning, applying knowledge of the planning process and building regulations where applicable.

- Lead design detailing across projects. Produce and supervise the production of technical drawings, specifications, and project documentation, demonstrating a thorough understanding of materials and manufacturing.
- Through the production of design intent documents communicate complex ideas and layered design with clarity and logic.
- Lead the day to day production process of drawing packs in terms of setting time, drawing requirements and studio standards.
- Collaborate with Project Architects, consultants and manufacturers to determine product selections and construction details.
- Manage and check information from consultants, contractors, and suppliers.

Project Management

- Day to day liaison with Project Architects, consultants, contractors, sub-contractors, and all other relevant personnel to facilitate effective project delivery.
- Support the Senior Management team in producing detailed project time-lines.
- Prepare fortnightly reports on project progress.
- Maintain awareness of cost issues as they arise and have the ability to propose alternative solutions.
- Respond effectively to complex questions and troubleshoot problems, whilst working and switching between various projects.
- Apply strategic thinking to projects. Forecast, identify, and communicate risks and bring ideas and solutions to the table.
- Close projects efficiently- support the project team on rectifying snags and wrapping up projects as quickly as possible.

Quality Control

- Review technical drawings produced by other team members and consultants.
- Monitor and inspect on-site implementation to ensure quality and alignment with the design intent and specifications.
- Conduct regular site visits to monitor progress, identify and address any technical issues, and ensure alignment with the design intent.

Client Interaction

- Alongside the Associates, act as the primary point of contact for clients, providing regular updates on project progress, addressing concerns, and ensuring overall client satisfaction.
- Effectively interpret and incorporate client feedback into the ongoing detail design, manufacturing and construction processes.
- Cultivate and maintain strong client relationships, ensuring exceptional representation of the brand

If you think that your skills, experience, and personality make you well suited to this role we'd love to hear from you.

Please submit a CV, covering letter and portfolio in PDF format to careers@studioashby.com with the subject 'Senior Technical Designer'