

Landscape Internships and Professional Practice Experience

This is a country by country guide to how to get a job or to obtain work experience as a landscape architecture student or newly qualified professional. It is compiled by Le Notre, EFLA and ELASA correspondents. This document covers so far Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, with brief notes on China and the USA. The hope is that this guide might be placed in the public domain of landscape web sites and indeed we would suggest that it could become a world-wide guide. Currently this guide is carried on the <http://europe.iflaonline.org> (under education then under careers) www.le-notre.org (under internship downloads) and by some university websites.

To contribute please send a note for your own country to the editor, Robert Holden, on

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- contacts and directories of landscape architecture practices or employers,
- job adverts and vacancies,
- payment and salaries (if any),
- a note on the structure of internships or work experience as part of employment,
- a note on how to apply and what employers expect,
- employment prospects,
- ensure your entry is dated and please do update it.

In addition to the professional bodies noted below, who have lists of landscape architecture offices, applicants should also refer to national telephone directories under their business pages (“yellow pages”). e.g. <http://www.infobel.com/teldir/>. Also please do contact me if you have comments on the current guide or additional suggestions.

Robert Holden

Generally

We are in the middle of a world-wide economic downturn since 2008 with recession in many countries and at times of recession the first thing to happens is that new building and infrastructure development is cut. As a development related profession landscape architecture is much affected. However, landscape architecture is more planning related than professions such as architecture and engineering and so tends to weather recessions better than say architecture and engineering. The Far East, (especially China), India and countries such as Australia and Brazil are very buoyant, but there are reports of growth rates slowing down. The Turkish economy has been growing by 8% about the same as China. There are still employment opportunities in many countries and some countries have been less affected than others, for example in Europe Germany and the central European countries..

There has been a huge growth of landscape architecture in China, prompted by economic growth, environmental legislation and currently there is stabilisation. In the UK there are currently signs that following general and large “downsizing” by landscape consultants in since 2008 there is some recovery, most especially in London and the South. Outside large conurbations you do have to search and be prepared to move, there is an encouraging growth of recruitment agencies handling landscape architects in the UK (see the national section below). Remember landscape architecture is a small profession so you cannot expect a job “on a plate.”

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There are, however, many opportunities for internships, voluntary work, community initiatives and the like which enable student and graduate landscape architects to build their portfolios, and find their way into regular employment. This guide aims to help you find them as well as more conventional ways of finding salaried employment as a landscape architect.

Robert Holden 2.5.2013

Worthwhile Europe-wide web sites include <http://europa.eu.int/eures/> where there is quite a lot of interesting information about working abroad within the EU. For instance the "Living & Working" section which has information related to living and working in different European countries. e.g. for France, about how to apply for a job there, how the social security systems work, etc. There is also a job vacancy search facility which may lead you to useful contacts, do remember to use the national languages so for Landscape Architect there were 1700 vacancies in mid July mainly in the UK while for paysagiste there were 107 opportunities in mid July 2012 mainly in France but also in Switzerland and Luxemburg.

"CV-Online" is helpful for people searching for a job in a foreign country with a link to the European CV: <http://www.cedefop.eu.int/transparency/cv.asp> and this gives you a format for a curriculum vita. Of course it is only useful if the site is known to potential employers. There is also the European Youth Portal http://europa.eu/youth/about.cfm?l_id=EN which covers 31 countries in 25 languages and has useful links to other similar portals in other parts of the world http://europa.eu/youth/portals_for_young_people/index_eu_en.html

Mathias Voell 10.1.2004/ RH 15 July 2012

IAESTE

The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience was founded in 1948 at Imperial College, London and is one organisation to try, though they tend more to be facilitators.

Since 1948, the association has grown to include more than 100 countries world-wide and has exchanged in excess of 330,000 students.

IAESTE offers employers:

- sourcing and selection of high calibre technical students according to requirements,
- hands-on service for easy and time-effective administration,
- networking opportunities through foreign students and universities,
- administration of work permit applications for placement students,
- accommodation arrangement for placement students (open exchange only),
- provision of pastoral and social care for placements students.

IAESTE offers students:

- provision of paid, technical work experience abroad for skill enhancement,
- safe experience through IAESTE support network,
- support with practical arrangements i.e. work permits / visa, accommodation and travel.

Note you should apply via your national IAESTE organisation. Contract details via www.iaeste.org

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US/ICOMS International Exchange Programme: this is an annual US financed international programme for some 20-30 young “preservation professionals”, including landscape and garden conservation students, for a 12 week period each year from June to August. Interns learn “hands on” and shadow staff and work a full working week. About 70 countries are involved and applications are considered by each national committee and are competitive, about 1 in 5 applicants are successful. Applications have to be made by the end of January each year and decisions are made by 1 April. It is a way to work on a UK National Trust garden or a US Civil War battlefield site or an Aboriginal site in Australia, the network is world-wide, ref <http://www.usicomos.org/intern>

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Social Media

These often include details of jobs opportunities, LinkedIn is perhaps the main one to mention: <http://www.linkedin.com> and it is worth joining and filling in your details including work experience and education (so many people do not fill it in fully). Membership is free for the basic service (remember the product are your details which you are giving for free). The general job opportunity listings you then are sent periodically are very general and unrelated to landscape. However, much more specific and useful are the job listings on the various landscape architect groups you can join such as *IFLA Europe* (six jobs listed in the USA, China, Australia and UK on 2 May 2013); *Blauwe Kamer* (a Dutch group) had one job listing and on 24 April 2013 the *World Landscape Architecture* group had one firm with seven positions in Sydney and Beijing. Note of course many of these positions may be for experienced people, however, a firm which is recruiting at a senior level may well be expanding and can still be worth contacting, especially if you are willing to work as an unpaid intern say for a summer job. Finally remember that there is always the odd chance that you may be approached by a recruitment firm, who also join LinkedIn for their recruitment reasons especially if you have special skills, do for instance list your languages and if a graduate from a conversion course in landscape then list your undergraduate qualification and experience. Other LinkedIn groups to consider joining are the *Landscape Architecture Jobs Board* (great if you want a job in China, it's a mix of people wanting jobs and of offers of opportunities, it is also an open group), the *Global Landscape Architecture Professionals* and *Landscape Careers*. ASLA, the American society, has lots of LinkedIn groups and some of them may be worth joining if you are an ASLA member.

Research opportunities

This guide does not aim to cover educational opportunities or academic teaching or research jobs, beyond mentioning the ECLAS (European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools) job offers page <http://www.eclas.org/jobs.php> But don't forget that research posts can be a way of developing a career. This listing is mainly but not entirely European.

Austria

In Austria the only university where you can study Landscape Design and Planning is the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences in Vienna (*Universität für Bodenkultur (BOKU), Institut für Landschaftsplanung (ILAP)* <http://www.rali.boku.ac.at/ilap.html>). The curriculum includes no compulsory internship. However, practical experience is recommended practice during the programme and many students try to obtain work in offices and government institutions. Contacts and

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jobs can be found on several homepages, unfortunately most of them not in English (so use a translation engine). Students should expect to have a working knowledge of German.

Contacts

Names and addresses of landscape offices are on the homepages of the two professional societies in Austria: ForumL – *Forum für Landschaftsplanung und Landschaftsökologie* (<http://www.foruml.at/>) which has a link to the BOKU job vacancy page, and ÖGLA – *Österreichische Gesellschaft für Landschaftsplanung und Landschaftsarchitektur* (www.oegla.at ⇒ click on "Mitglieder" to find a list of landscape planners of which some have posted their office address). On the homepage of the *Bundesektion Ingenieurkonsulenten* <http://www.bsik.at/> you can also find addresses of offices in Austria and choose "*Landschaftsplanung und Landschaftspflege*" from the list).

Jobs

Adverts and job vacancies are placed on the homepages of the professional associations (www.foruml.at and www.oegla.at); on the jobcentre of the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences in Vienna (<http://alumni.boku.ac.at/jobs/>). On <http://life-science.at> you can also find jobs for students (go "Jobbörse" then click on "Stellenangebote" and scroll in the right box to "*Landschaftsarchitektur, -planung*").

Often landscape offices do not advertise internships for students. However, students have a realistic chance to get a job, when they are proactive and send a letter of application with a short curriculum vitae and some examples of work. Currently salary levels might be sufficient to cover costs depending on the job and the student's own experiences. The duration of the internship depends on the workload and projects of the individual office and on the student's own interests and requirements.

Britta Fuchs July / August 2003 updated Robert Holden 15/7/2012

Belgium

Structure of internships

The curriculum of the Belgian landscape architecture schools includes compulsory internships. Most schools define semesters within the curriculum as practical phases. In Belgium, the internship is seen as a crucial phase in the curriculum of Landscape Architecture. Belgian Universities (e.g. Erasmushogeschool Brussel, Hogeschool Gent) require one internship of 14 (Erasmushogeschool Brussel) weeks in the third year of the programme.

Some universities have a particular member of staff responsible for student internships. They manage databases with addresses and information concerning offices (national and international) and placements. In other universities the students themselves are expected to send direct applications to landscape architects and councils.

Contacts

Lists of most Belgian landscape architecture offices are provided by the national association, BVTL - ABAJP, (*Belgische Vereniging van Tuinarchitecten en Landschapsarchitecten - Association Belge des Architectes de Jardins et des Architectes Paysagistes*).

http://www.abajp.be/index.php?option=com_sobi2&catid=3&Itemid=30&lang=fr Their website includes a list of landscape offices and their members, with contact details (follow the link vademecum) and the details of the four recognised Belgian schools of

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landscape architecture Erasmushogeschool Brussel, *Department Horteco* ; Haute Ecole Lucia de Brouckère, Institut Arthur Haulot ; Institut Supérieur Industriel Huy-Gembloux-Verviers, Haute Ecole Charlemagne ; Hogeschool Gent, Departement BIOT.

Jobs

Unfortunately there is no central display for job adverts, some job adverts and contacts can be found on several homepages of landscape offices and on the jobcentre of the Erasmushogeschool Brussel, Department Horteco (<http://vacaturesextern.ehb.be/vacatures-extern/2?tid=All>), note students are expected to have a basic knowledge of Dutch or French. The national organisation (BVTL – ABAJP) doesn't usually display job adverts.

Payment

As the internship is regarded as an integral part of the curriculum, the students are usually not paid. When paid, which is depending on the company, you might a minimal wage, a month in other cases you will only receive a compensation of costs.

Engala

Engala (Environment and Garden & Landscape Architecture) is a Leonardo da Vinci mobility project focussing on new regulations and interdisciplinary working methods concerning sustainable landscape design and development. Some universities are working out a new programme together with their Socrates/Erasmus contacts. Partner universities will play a crucial role in finding an internship/placement abroad by means of the internship network between partner universities and members of Engala.

Results

Most universities require a written and illustrated report 'Projects and Office Organisation' about the student's office experience and a written comment of the office itself.

How to make an application

Students have a realistic chance to get a job, when they are proactive and send a letter of application with a short curriculum vitae and some examples of drawing work (portfolio). Do address letters personally to an individual in a practice and if going for interview research the practice as much as you can.

Steven Goossens, August 2004/ checked and updated R.H. 15/7/2012

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Contacts:

There are no overall lists for practice in the field of Landscape Architecture. There exists a professional organisation called UITH "Udruzenje Inzinjera i Tehnicara Hortikulture" which means "Association of Horticultural Engineers and Technicians" (www.uith.ba). Its members are engineers and technicians of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture and related disciplines. UITH became member of EULP in January 2008.

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Note: In most cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina the terms Horticulture and Landscape Architecture act as synonyms.

Education programmes:

The only university programme in Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Sarajevo

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(<http://www.unsa.ba/s/index.php>). The school offers a four year Dipl.Ing. programme and a three year BSc undergraduate study programme in compliance with the Bologna Declaration but no Masters or PhD programmes at present .

Places for practice:

There are several private practices and companies which deal with green and open space planning. With the ratification by the Bosnian parliament we expect more practices to open.

Payment:

Bosnian Students or new professionals do their practice in municipalities and offices as volunteers or for a payment of 15-30 Euros per day.

Haris Piplas, 9.2.2008 checked RH 15/7/2012

Bulgaria

Contacts

There are no overall lists of Landscape Architecture practices. However, there is a professional organization, which represents private practitioners:

The "Bulgarian Association of Landscape Architecture" (BALA)

Bulgarska Asiciacia Landshaftna Arxitektura,

chairman Ivan Uzunov.

address: Sofia 1214,N.V. Gogol st 16A,Bulgaria

tel/fax 359 2 943 3374 email: kyo@dir.bg

This is the main professional association, but they do not display job adverts positions or other particularly useful information for students.

Another very new organization is the "Euro-Bulgarian Union Landscape Architecture" (*Bulgaro-Evropesko sdrujenie landshaftna arxitektura*)

chairman Dobromir Borislavov,

address: St "Rezbarska", bl. 18, vx. E, Sofia 1510, Bulgaria;

tel.359 888 268536, e-mail: beslabg@yahoo.com.

This was established in 2003 by a group of students who attended the ELASA annual meeting in Bulgaria. EBULA aims to promote connections with the private Landscape Architecture firms, with the BALA and to organize meeting for students in the fields of ecology and Landscape Architecture.

Internship pay

Students working during their studies earn €6-9 per day (the average living wage in Bulgaria for non professional work). Graduates tend to earn €100-150 per month which is why a lot of Bulgarian students tend to set up their own practices.

Gergana Marinova 19.10.2003 limited checking RH 15/7/2012

China

In China there are many organisations where you can study Landscape Architecture from Bachelors to Masters levels. A list of the most prestigious universities, as defined by the Chinese Ministry of Education, which offer Landscape Architecture programmes:

Tsinghua University <http://arch.tsinghua.edu.cn/eng/>
<http://arch.tsinghua.edu.cn/eng/education/special0.htm> (accessed 13/1/2012)

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Peking University, College of Urban and Environmental Sciences [http://www.urban-
environ.pku.edu.cn/english/renwu/Kongjian%20Yu.html](http://www.urban-
environ.pku.edu.cn/english/renwu/Kongjian%20Yu.html) (accessed 13/1/2012)

Tongji University, Shanghai, College of Architecture and Urban Planning
[http://www.tongji.edu.cn/english/themes/10/template/Academics/College%20of%20Archi-
tecture%20and%20Urban%20Planning.shtml](http://www.tongji.edu.cn/english/themes/10/template/Academics/College%20of%20Archi-
tecture%20and%20Urban%20Planning.shtml) (accessed 13/1/2012)

Huazhong University of Science & Technology in Wuhan
http://english.hust.edu.cn/about_history4.html (accessed 13/1/2012)

Beijing Forestry University in Beijing; <http://international.bjfu.edu.cn/ywb/about/>
+ <http://eng.bjfu.edu.cn/> (accessed 13/1/2012)

Tianjin University in Tianjin; http://school.cucas.edu.cn/HomePage/91/content_108.shtml
(accessed 13/1/2012)

South China University of Technology in Guangzhou.
http://school.cucas.edu.cn/HomePage/54/2010-02-20/Program_21430.shtml (accessed
13/1/2012)

The curriculums include compulsory internships. The internship, for most of the schools, is seen as a crucial module in the curriculum of Landscape Architecture, Internships are usually one to three months to complete in the fourth year (last year of Bachelors) of the programme.

Generally, there is one particular member of staff responsible for student internships at the top universities. In the fourth year of Bachelor degree there will be many recruitment seminars in which landscape architecture firms, real-estate developers and government design and planning institutions will arrange campus talks and consider direct applications.

Contacts

There are no overall lists for practitioners in the field of Landscape Architecture. But international companies that have offices in China such as Atkins, AECOM, EDSA, SWA Group, Belt Collins International etc. have internships or summer programmes. Information can be found in their websites and the job location is normally in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen or Hong Kong. Other Chinese domestic landscape architecture practices do not advertise internships for students. However, students have a realistic chance to find a job, when they are proactive and send a letter of application with a curriculum vitae and some examples of work.

Jobs

For entry-level jobs good computer graphic skills (AutoCAD, Adobe creative suite) and modelling skills (Sketchup or 3D max) can be helpful, and free hand sketching is crucial when working as a designer in terms of quick design idea exchange. Many job adverts and vacancies are placed on the homepages of the following websites. Obviously most of them are not in English. Students should expect to have a working knowledge of Chinese.

jobs in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Guangzhou etc. <http://www.cjol.com/>,

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jobs in Guangdong Province <http://gd.lahr.cn/>
jobs in the whole of China <http://www.fcjob88.com/>
for Beijing jobs only http://www.01hr.com/jobs/42_76252.html
(all accessed 13/1/2012)

However, most jobs in Hong Kong do not require a working knowledge of Chinese. Refer <http://www.hkila.com/v2/> (The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects)
<http://www.indeed.hk/Landscape-Architect-jobs>
http://hongkong.recruit.net/search-landscape+architect++or+designer-jobs#search_top
<http://www.careerjet.hk/landscape-jobs.html>
(all accessed 13/1/2012)

Pay

The internship salary should be sufficient to cover costs, but this varies with the student's own experience. Some companies provide free accommodation upon request.
Cunhua Jiang (10/1/2013)

In late 2006 we received advice from Ms Haiphong Zhu that Ideastate in Shen Zhen www.ideastate.com.cn who focus on community design, resort and urban design projects were offering internships.

In 2012 Atkins Landscape (China) launched an annual set of 12 months internships in their Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen offices, with an application deadline in October 2012. Details from Raymond Li (raymond.li@atkinsglobal.com), Atkins Landscape (China) HR Department.

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Finland

Contacts and directories of landscape architecture practices or employers:

MARK the Finnish association of landscape architects ref. www.m-ark.fi lists member offices, link via <http://www.m-ark.fi/yhteystiedot/maisema-arkkitehtitoimistoja.html> Below the addresses are names of landscape architects working in each company. Most of the offices are very small, having just one landscape architect. MARK also has an e-mailing list of its members (around 100 landscape architects).

job adverts and vacancies,

Job advertisements are rare, one possible magazine is *Arkkitehti uutiset*, the news and information bulleting of SAFA (Finnish Architects Association) and MARK (and some other associated planning disciplines).

Anneli Wilska 20.2.2005?RH check and update 15/7/2012

France

Contacts :

The *Fédération Française du Paysage* represents about a third of France's landscape architects, and has a web-site at <http://www.f-f-p.org/fr/>. Here you can find job vacancies (*annonces employ*), including *stagiaires* / interns, a list of members, with their contact details (follow the link to *les associations régionales*, and the details of the six recognised French schools of landscape.

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An independent website is <http://www.lespaysagistes.com> which has job offers and on which you may place your c.v. and which also lists landscape offices (useful as only a minority of French landscape architects join the FFP) nb also lists offices *outré-mer* e.g. in Martinique and Guyane. The national site recruitment and job search site is <http://www.pole-emploi.fr/accueil/> and Landscape Architects (*paysagistes* or *architectes-paysagistes*) are part of the BTP section (*Batiment Travaux Public*) each section has a 'rome' code (*Code emploi métier*) the one for BTP is 61211. With this code on the web site you can check all the jobs offers in this section '*région par région*' throughout France and also internationally. The ANPE site also links to individual specialist employment agencies (*poles d'emploi*).

The national job seeker office for 'cadres' or salaried employees is <http://www.apec.fr/Accueil/ApecIndexAccueil.jsp>; type '*paysagiste*' and offers appear. Many vacancies also are listed in the associations of ex-students linked to the individual schools of landscape architecture (check the <http://www.f-f-p.org/fr/paysagiste-concepteur/ecoles/> website for details of schools) or are displayed on notice boards in the school premises. Many landscape architects find work by ringing around, and sending CVs, using addresses found using the F.F.P. member list, the directories of ex-students published by the schools (known as *annuaires*), or telephone yellow pages, etc. Avoid wasting time and money, when using the lists, by checking the status of the landscape architect concerned- because many of the names listed will be employees (*salarisés*). In the telephone directories landscape architects are listed as *paysagistes DPLG*, which distinguishes them from contractors. DPLG means *diplômé par le gouvernement*.

The most effective method of job finding in France is by networking, so if you do have any contacts, however tenuous, in the French world of landscape or in one of its linked professions, use them!

Internships and pay

Internships are known as *stages* and are seldom advertised; most are found by a direct approach to a landscape office. A *stage* can be for varying periods, usually around one to eight months, and is not always paid. When paid, this is usually at a maximum of around one third of the French minimum wage.

Mathias Voell, 18.3.2004

François Vahé 6.11.2004

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Germany

Structure of internships

Currently all curricula of the German landscape architecture schools include compulsory internships. Most schools define semesters within the curriculum as practical phases. The universities of applied sciences require a minimum of three months of practical experience before enrolment. Generally speaking there are two types:

1. some universities include two internships (around 20 weeks each), the first is related to experience in landscape construction, the second is related to office or administrative experience. Students who have already finished a professional training in landscape construction often skip the first practical semester. (i.e.: Kassel, Nürtingen, Weihenstephan)
2. other universities require only one internship within the curricula and it must be related to office/administrative experience. these universities usually require

practical experience in landscape construction before enrolment. (i.e.: TU-Hannover, HTW-Dresden, TU-Berlin).

The intensive integration of professional practice may be a characteristic of German curricula. The philosophy behind this aims at intensifying the mutual influence of practice and theory. Almost all faculties insist on practical experience in landscape construction additionally to the office experience.

Most universities have particular staff responsible for student internships. They manage databases with addresses and information concerning offices (national and international) which facilitates placements. Nevertheless, the students themselves send applications directly to the offices. As the internship is regarded as an integral part of the curriculum, the students are usually not well paid. Therefore, the offices are much more bound to provide an educational role. Some schools even require the office to define a responsible person for the student. Most universities require a written report about the student's office experience and a written comment of the office itself, which is somehow a means to avoid "exploitation of cheap labour". In Kassel the internships are called *Berufspraktische Studien* (freely translated: studies on professional practice) which underlines its educational character. In Nürtingen students give short presentations of their internship projects to their study colleagues. For many students the internship contact becomes the first step into the professional world after finishing the studies.

Two universities provide online information about internships:

University of Kassel: http://www.uni-kassel.de/fb6/studium/bps_referat.htm

Technical University of Berlin:

http://www.planen-bauen-umwelt.tu-berlin.de/institut_fuer_landschaftsarchitektur_und_umweltplanung/menue/lehre/lehre_-_landschaftsplanung/

Job searches

Lists of most German landscape architecture offices are provided by the professional association BDLA (<http://www.bdla.de>), in addition in April 2013 there was one internship in Lübeck and one full time landscape post for a private practice in Köln advertised. The bdla also has a job bourse, <http://www.bdla.de/aktuell/job-praktikaboerse> .

Ellen Fetzer, 16.04.03/checked and updated RH 29/4/2013

Employment Agencies and vacancy lists

When searching for a job in Germany's landscape architecture through the internet, you will be facing a large number of competitors. The homepage of the state employment agency (<http://www.arbeitsagentur.de/>) indicates next to each job offer the number of people who already had a closer look at it. Within a few days a new entry will often have more than a thousand visitors searching for just the same job as the one you are looking for (select *Stellenangebote suchen*, then enter *Landschaftsarchitektur*)

Many will ask for some years of professional experience. The rest are offers for internships / work experience (*Praktikum*). If your background is also in gardening, try pages in this line (www.taspo.de, www.gabot.de, www.dega.de, search for *Stellenmarkt, Job-Angebote*).

More effective is to approach offices directly. If you are without professional experience, expect to start as an intern. The availability of candidates being so large these days in Germany, all offices will go for the cheapest option possible and that is the army of interns. After a 3-6 month *Praktikum* you can then hope to continue in the same office as an employee with a salary that will only be little higher than what you received

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as an intern. The times in Germany are difficult, so best is to keep expectations low.

Marco Albano January 2006 updated RH 15.7.2012

Hungary

In Hungary the only university where you can study landscape architecture is the Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB), Faculty of Landscape Architecture.

Address: H-1118 Budapest, Villányi út 35-43 Hungary , tel.: 0036 1 372 6200,

(<http://www.kee.hu> and go to the Landscape Architecture faculty *Táhépitészati Kar*. It's a good basis to search for internship contacts. But it's better if you are a Hungarian student to also use the contacts of the various departments listed in http://www.uni-corvinus.hu/index.php?id=la_departments .

Internships

Hungarian students are obliged to go and spend at least nine weeks work experience in an office and in local authority office, after the third and fourth years. But although contacts and jobs can be found at several sources, unfortunately most of them are not in English. The official language of the professional offices is Hungarian, but it's no problem to communicate in English or German. However, the problem is that it's hard to find a place for a Hungarian student, because most of the offices are too small, sometimes just one landscape architect in an architecture bureau. But if you are an intern, you're expected to know AutoCad and have a good knowledge of plants (in a garden design office) and Mapinfo and PhotoShop (in a landscape planning office).

Payment/Salaries

Most of the time students are not paid for this work, but in some case it's possible. It depends on the office, and on the project. If it's paid, you can get €120-200 / month, which is almost enough to live from.

Accommodation

You can a room by yourself; but you can also ask for it in the university dormitory. Address: 1118 Budapest, Szüret utca 2-18, Tel.: 0036-1 209 1648, or 0036-1 209 1582.

How to present yourself?

To develop your work, please send a short CV to the office, by mail, or fax, perhaps with some references about you previous work. Explain why you want to go there, to that office, or to Hungary and for how long time, and so on. It's always better if you can address it personally to someone, so try to search on internet for the data.

A selection of offices in Budapest:

- VÁTI Hungarian Public Nonprofit Company for Regional Development and Town Planning
web-site: <http://www.vati.hu>
- BFVT Budapest Főváros Városépítési Tervező
website <http://www.bfvt.hu/>

Bernadette Jobbagy, dejob@freemail.hu 29 April 2004

and updated Flora Mocsenyi 13 December 2004/ checked RH 15/7/2012

Iceland

Iceland is remarkable for the highest level of landscape architects per head of population in Europe. The national association is *Félag Islenskra landslagsarkitekta* (the Federation

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of Icelandic Landscape Architects, <http://www.fila.is/> which lists landscape architecture practices under its advisory service (*Ráðgjafastofur*) and to some extent under *Tenglar* (links).

Robert Holden 15/7/2012

Ireland

Contacts

The Irish Landscape Institute web page is the best source of contact details for names and addresses of employers – www.irishlandscapeinstitute.com

Jobs

Jobs advertisements are placed - on the ILI website page and in National Papers (e.g. the *Irish Times*, *Irish Independent*). Employers have a preference for 12 months over 6 months. For Northern Ireland also refer to the United Kingdom section for opportunities.

Karen Foley, September 2003/ checked RH 27.7.2012

Italy

Structure of internships

In Italy organisation of internships is changing because of the post Bologna reformation of University education. Faculties of architecture are now structured in various study courses: architecture, planning, landscape architecture, and building conservation, organised in Bachelor and Masters degrees (of 3+2 years). Students have to pass a Professional Practice Exam to be enrolled in the professional body – the *Ordine degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti, Conservatori*, (National Council of architects, planners, landscape planners, & building conservationists) includes architects, planners, landscape architects, and building conservationists in section A (*Master- 3+2*) and in section B (*Bachelor- 3*). This state registration body requires an internship as a condition of admittance to the Professional Practice Exam and is reorganizing the legal and practical aspects of internships. The Department of Education and Scientific Research of the National Council of architects, planners, landscape planners, building restorers is responsible for setting new rules for internships.

Currently these are:

- *Bachelor level internship* individual universities organise these in different ways, and students can have experience, in landscape construction, government bodies, and professional offices. At the University of Genova Bachelor's degree, the internships are regulated by agreements between the university and the employers that have to be approved by the Council of the study course. A group of teachers is responsible for offering to students opportunities for professional practice, and they discuss and to check the work of the students with the employers. At present students are not paid, the university requires a written report, drawings, an evaluation of the work experience and a comment by the employer. Duration is about six to eight weeks in September/October.

- *Masters level internship* This kind of internship will be regulated by the norm established by the professional body - the *Ordine degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti, Conservatori*. The internship consists of experience in professional offices, and the duration proposed is nine or ten months. The Department of Education and Scientific Research of the National Council of architects, planners, landscape planners, and building conservationists is discussing the draft of the mandatory internships with the universities, the Ministry of Higher Education and other public institutions. On the

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website of the professional body will be published lists of practices and other bodies interested in offering places to students. Another source of work opportunities are the announcements on the website of AIAPP- the *Associazione Italiana di Architettura del Paesaggio*.

Contacts:

CNAPPC - *Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori e Conservatori*
<http://www.archiworld.it>

AIAPP - *Associazione Italiana di Architettura del Paesaggio*
<http://www.aiapp.net>

Francesca Mazzino 8 September 2003/ checked RH 27/7/2012

The Netherlands

The Structure of Internships

This note is based on practice at the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Professional Education Larenstein in Velp near Arnhem which is one of the main landscape architecture programmes in The Netherlands. Here, the internship is seen as a crucial phase in the curriculum of Landscape Architecture, Engineering and Management. Two internships of three months (50 working days) each at different offices are compulsory in the third year of the programme. In exceptional cases one internship of six months is permitted.

The learning aims of the internship are:

- Students learn to function in professional offices as landscape designers/engineers/managers.
- Students learn to find their own professional path by orientating on the professional field of Landscape Architecture, Engineering and Management.

The student has to take the initiative to apply for an internship. The student formulates, within the frame of general aims, his/her own learning aims. The school keeps a list of professional landscape architecture offices and councils, but students are encouraged and supported to make their own arrangements, whether nationally and internationally. The internship has to be approved by the school internship coordinator. It usually takes more time to arrange an internship abroad.

The school requires the office to provide a 'mentor', that is a person responsible for the student. The internship school tutor visits the office to discuss process and progress with the student and the mentor. The internship being part of the study and students normally being paid their living wage, Dutch offices will pay only compensation of costs.

The student presents a written and illustrated report containing a description and evaluation of the student's office experience: projects and the office organisation.

How to make an application

Most offices prefer to receive a postal application with a covering letter, a short curriculum vitae and some A4 photocopies of drawing work. Try to address the letter personally to an individual. Do research work on the office practice before going for an interview. And don't always expect an acknowledgement.

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European Union and EEA citizens do not need a visa or work license. Citizens of other European countries need to obtain a work permit.

Contacts:

Lists of Dutch landscape architecture offices are on the national association web site: <http://www.nvtl.nl/bureaus/index.html> Lists of vacancies for full time positions are on the Blauwe Kamer website <http://www.blauwekamer.nl/> check “vacatures”. One employer who have done US style internships is the *Staatsbosbeheer* or State Forestry Service who have a significant landscape architecture section ref.: <http://www.staatsbosbeheer.nl/> information on internships (“stages” in Dutch) is on <http://www.staatsbosbeheer.nl/over%20staatsbosbeheer/werken%20bij%20staatsbosbeheer/stages.aspx>

30.6.2003 Marianne van Lidth de Jeude/ update 15/7/2012 Robert Holden

Poland

Polish landscape architects were founder members of IFLA – the International Federation of Landscape Architects in 1948. But before World War II, landscape architecture in Poland had a growing importance. The first university course was established at Warsaw Agricultural University in 1930. During communist times the country was isolated and therefore the profession lacked stimulus from outside. This is one of the reasons of why the current situation does not appear so optimistic. Without exchange of information and cooperation with other countries, and restricted access to Landscape Architecture literature it has been very difficult to prepare the new generation of young landscape architects.

For a long time the SGGW - Warsaw Agricultural University (www.sggw.waw.pl) was the only education centre with full academic programme. In 1998 the Main Council of Higher Education constituted landscape architecture as a separate course of study in Poland. This decision led to landscape architecture courses almost in every large town in Poland.

There is a great need for landscape architects in Poland, but unfortunately the courses of Landscape Architecture are still not fully adequate preparations. Students complain about lack of practice especially in view of the theoretical emphasis which is not of use in practice. The universities with Landscape Architecture programmes do not liaise with one another and students are not taught how to collaborate with neighbouring disciplines, for example with architects or planners.

The long time of isolation also influenced landscape practice– in Poland most landscape architecture offices focus on designing and executing small private gardens. There are only a few bureaux which work on the varied workload of landscape architecture known in western countries and these have been set up by those with experience abroad. The small number of these kind of offices means that students have few internship opportunities in Poland.

For students from abroad who want to undertake an internship or find a job in Poland the main problem can be also the language. Websites of Landscape Architecture offices are mainly in Polish. The best way is to talk personally with employers. The list of Landscape offices can be found for example at:

www.swiatogrodow.pl

www.architekci.pl/architekturakrajobrazu/

“Landscape Architecture” in Polish is: “Architektura Krajobrazu”,

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and using this word in a google search can also be helpful. Generally Polish students in Poland generally are not paid for an internship or receive a small amount, around €100 per month.

Although landscape architecture as a profession exists in Poland, it does not have statutory protection of the job title or any professional authorization in Polish law. Anyone can create greenery without any restrictions.

The Polish "section" of landscape architects SAK or Sekcja Architektury Krajobrazu (<http://warszawa.sarp.org.pl/php/efla.htm> is part of the chamber of Polish Architects SARP) (*Stowarzyszenia Architektów Polskich* <http://www.sarp.org.pl/>). The main independent landscape architecture organisation is *Stowarzyszenie Architektury Krajobrazu* (SAK) <http://sak.org.pl/> which has a listing of its landscape architecture members.

A lot of new schools have set up Landscape Architecture courses, and the number of landscape architects is increasing. In local authorities, landscape architects are employed more willingly, in positions relevant to planning and urban greenery. There are regular meetings and conferences, and an annual Landscape Architecture Forum. A lot of Polish students are go abroad trying to improve their education and find new ideas.

Polish landscape architecture requires not only the changes in Polish law but also in ways of thinking in the wider society, making it more sensitive for the beauty of landscape, what unfortunately had a marginal position for many years. That is why it is necessary to create a strong lobby, which will promote landscape architecture. Everything is in hands of the new young and mobile generation, which believes that there is a lot to do in the country and much energy for change.

Joanna Asia Milewska October 2005
[joamil@wp.pl/updated](mailto:joamil@wp.pl) RH 15.7.2012

Portugal

Professional status:

Internship opportunities are limited, not only due to the current world financial and economic turn down since 2008, but also because of the growth of landscape architecture education. The number of schools has grown from two to six in the past decade or so and the supply of graduates has grown. The Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects (APAP, *Associação Portuguesa dos Arquitectos Paisagistas*) now has more than 820 members and there are probably more than 1000 landscape architects in professional practice in Portugal.

Education Programmes:

You can study Landscape Architecture in five public Universities. Two are in the north:

- the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD), in Via Real (*Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro* www.utad.pt <http://www.landscapearchitecture.utad.pt>);
- the University of Porto, Faculty of Sciences (*Universidade do Porto* <http://www.fc.up.pt>);

Three are in the south:

- the Higher Institute of Agronomy, in Lisbon (*Instituto Superior de Agronomia* <http://www.isa.utl.pt/saap>);
- the University of Évora (*Universidade de Évora* <http://www.uevora.pt>);
- the University of the Algarve (*Universidade do Algarve* <http://www.fern.ualg.pt>) in Faro.

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There is also one private school:

- the Vasco da Gama University (EUVG), in Coimbra (*Escola Universitária Vasco da Gama* <http://www.euvq.net>).

Most landscape architecture education in Portugal has an optional internship or professional practice workshops integrated in the study programme. However those may be fairly short (3-6 months) and follow options determined by the Course Committee of each University. Also, when schools have good contacts with offices and other employers, the EU Leonardo da Vinci Programme is often used to facilitate internships for graduate landscape architects.

Contacts:

The Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects (APAP <http://www.apap.pt>) is the most useful source of information concerning professional practice, although it doesn't provide a list of offices and professional practitioners. The best way to find them is googling "*arquitectura paisagista*" (meaning landscape architecture) or "*arquitecto paisagista*" (meaning landscape architect). The option is looking into the Yellow Pages searching with the same keywords (<http://www.pai.pt>).

To ask for specific information you can contact APAP using e-mail apap@apap.pt, secretaria@apap.pt, or direccao@apap.pt; phone and voice mail 00351213950025, 00351213901807, 00351213901808; fax 0035121395014; and regular mail using the following address:

APAP – Associação Portuguesa dos Arquitectos Paisagistas
Calçada Marquês de Abrantes, nº45, 1º Dto,
1200-718 LISBOA, Portugal

Jobs:

The APAP website has a section for job offers/calls, but this is not very frequently updated and/or not regularly used by the members. The best way to find current information and job adverts might be to type "*arquitecto paisagista emprego*" searching on Google. For example, this leads to entries on the following employment websites:

<http://emprego.trovit.pt>

<http://empregoonline.blogspot.com>

In order to save time searching on the web, it be also be worth contacting landscape architecture schools. They might help with internships, such as under the Lifelong Learning Erasmus/ Socrates Programme, or they may consult their contacts with offices for career opportunities.

Most important employers:

The most important employers are the municipalities in the Metropolitan Area of Lisbon (AML, <http://aml.pt>) and their neighbours; the *Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e da Biodiversidade* (Institute of Nature Conservation and Biodiversity) (ICNB <http://portal.icnb.pt/ICNPportal/vEN2007>) the Ministry of Environment, Territorial Planning and Regional Development (MAOTDR <http://maotdr.gov.pt>); the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries (<http://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt.aspx>); and of course private offices and also a significant number in political positions.

Payment

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More often than not, students are not paid. Young landscape architects, in their first years of practice, following education, might earn between 400€ - 1000€ a month, or simply expenses in the worse offices.

There are several cases reported of freelance activity, among students and young landscape architects, who is join interdisciplinary teams, via landscape architecture offices, for national and international competitions. Of course this option demands initiative and some economic risk...

How to make an application?

Although all landscape architecture degrees in Portugal are changing to a structure of three years (BLA with 180ECTS) plus two years (MLA with 120 ECTS), the current education involves a five year diploma (equivalent to 300 ECTS), so graduates with three year Bachelor degrees might find difficult be accepted, yet it is worth while trying. It is very important to send with your application letter, a short version of your C.V. and a good portfolio particularly if you are applying to a private office.

Frederico Meireles, September 2008/ checked RH 15/7/2012

Sweden

The Swedish Landscape Association is a division of the architectural professional body

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Fax. +46-8 5055 77 05

Email: kansli@arkitekt.se

WEB <http://www.arkitekt.se>

They publish an email list of landscape architects as part of a wider listing of architects, interior designers, planners and landscape architects on <http://www.arkitekt.se/arkitekt.nu> It is only in Swedish, of course. *Sveriges Arkitekter* also publish on their website announcements of vacancies, but that is in the private, members' area. On their website is a useful list of links to sites in connection with finding work in Sweden on <http://www.arkitekt.se/s1775> and *Sveriges Arkitekter* also offer to give email advice on matters such as salary levels (see the same website page for details). In addition, there is a service open to all students to apply without cost for trainee posts at *Praktiktorget* (Trainee Market) on www.arkitekt.se/praktik . There, employers announce traineeships, currently a service operating only in Swedish. Finally there is a general section for those wishing to work in Sweden <http://www.arkitekt.se/s70548>

10.7.2003 Lars Nyberg + 15/7/2012RH

Spain

Landscape Architecture is not a registered profession in Spain and indeed Spanish landscape architects may not use the word architect in their title because of the legal position of the *Colegio de Arquitectos*, consequently they are termed *paisajista* The professional association is the *Asociación Española de Paisajistas* <http://www.aepaisajistas.org/> (in Latin America the full term *Arquitecto Paisajista* is used).

We have had no internship guide report from our Spanish colleagues (and would welcome one). However, we report that in August 2009 *Nuevos Jardines* in Lugo, Galicia

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www.nuevosjardines.com They have advised they accept final year (they suggest years three or four) students with good Spanish language, AutoCAD and Adobe PhotoShop or similar digital skills, as interns for periods of two months through the year (subject to formal agreement with the university) and offer free accommodation. The contact is Alba Carballal Fernández and students are asked to send a c.v. and email alba@nuevosjardines.com.

Robert Holden 3 September 2009

Turkey

All Turkish landscape architecture schools include compulsory internships, though the duration varies. Most universities have particular staff responsible for student internships. As there are many landscape architecture schools in Turkey, it is hard to generalise about their internships. It is better to contact departments directly to obtain correct information. Most landscape architecture departments provide some information on their web pages and some of them have English versions. As the internship is regarded as an integral part of the curriculum, the students are usually not paid. You can access the listing of some landscape architecture schools in Turkey by clicking the ECLAS list on: <http://www.eclas.org/universities.php>

Knowledge of Turkish is generally required but those who cannot communicate in Turkish may have a chance with some of the architectural and civil engineering companies. It is best to get in touch with employers directly.

Contacts

UCTEA* Chamber of Landscape Architects (<http://www.peyzajmimoda.org.tr/>) publishes annually a "Landscape Architecture Sector Catalogue" which includes contact details of employers. There are also a few web sites which provide listings of some employers (e.g. <http://peyzaj.org/>). Unfortunately currently these are all in Turkish. However some landscape offices have English versions of their web sites. "Peyza" is the Turkish word for "landscape" and you can use it while using search engines on internet.

The Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects TMMOB http://www.tmmob.org.tr/index_en.php of which UCTEA is a member is the overall professional organisation.

Jobs

Currently graduates have opportunities to work in design and planning offices and nurseries as well as governmental organisations such as the State Planning Organization, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, municipalities etc. However there are still some difficulties in finding a career opportunity due to economic reasons and lack of institutional and legal recognition of the profession. Some hotels and resorts provide seasonal or full time positions in Mediterranean and the Aegean regions. There are also a few recent graduates employed by GIS software companies to develop landscape planning and design modules.

The Chamber of Landscape Architects web page is the best source of job advertisements (check for "ilan" or advert in the dropdowns on <http://peyzaj.org/>). The advertisements are also placed in national papers (eg *Hurriyet*, *Sabah*). Academic staff can also be very helpful to find a job. You can access *Law on The Work Permit For Foreigners* on the Ministry of Labour and Social Security website <http://www.csqb.gov.tr/csqbPortal/csqb.portal> Knowledge of Turkish will be an

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advantage but those who can't communicate fluently in Turkish may have a chance with some architectural and civil engineering companies. It is best to get in touch with the human resources departments of the companies.

Newly graduates are usually paid around €300-350 monthly which is not enough to cover average living expenses, especially if you are paying for accommodation.

When applying for a vacancy it is advised to include your portfolio with your CV. You will probably be asked for an interview. You are expected to have skills on CAD softwares (mostly AUTOCAD®). Skills of additional drawing and graphic software such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Corel Draw® and 3Dmax® are also useful. When applying for a vacancy in nurseries, a reasonable knowledge of plants and planting techniques are required. If you need further assistance you can contact Ankara University, Department of Landscape Architecture on cakci@agri.ankara.edu.tr.

Isil Cakci, November 2005/ updated RH 17/7/2012

United Kingdom

Length of Internship and skills expected

In the UK landscape architecture students traditionally undertake a three year undergraduate degree, work for one year ("the year out") and then take a graduate entry final degree. There are also some graduate entry programmes (usually at Masters level) for students from other disciplines but these do not have an extensive work experience period during the degree. The "year out" of professional practice experience (internship is US usage) lasts usually from summer to summer for nine to twelve months. The academic year varies, but is usually from mid to late September until end of May or early June. This contrasts with the shorter semester length internships common in many continental European countries and so students from other countries should expect to work for at least nine months or a year. Periods of professional practice experience are usually found by the students themselves rather than being industrial placements by the university, therefore UK landscape architects expect to receive direct applications from students. However, some universities do organise such placements. Because of the shortage of graduate landscape architecture employers are becoming more proactive and some are even considering US style short term internships A central government agency offering internships (well one 12 month internship annually) is English Heritage <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.11246> Another is Natural England see http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/jobs/default.aspx which runs students placements.

Employers expect reasonable English communication skills and graphic and working drawing skills and CAD/digital design ability typically on AutoCad, Vector Works or Minicad. Apple Mac skills are used by a minority of architecture and landscape architecture practices, but are also useful.

Payments and Work Permits

Traditionally year out experience and short internships were paid but post 2008 this is no longer the case. Typically graduates are expected nowadays by some practices to work for free or upto three month on trial basis.

Citizens of European Union countries of course have the right to work; students of non EU countries who are enrolled in a UK degree course also have the right to work for the year out in Britain under a student permit given the year out is part of their professional training (though there can be problems in getting the authorities to realize this). Students of non EU countries who are enrolled in overseas schools may have

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problems with work permits. For non European Union and European Economic Area nationals who have undertaken a Landscape Institute professionally accredited programme in the UK the TWES (Training and Work Experience Scheme) is appropriate, details are on the Home Office website:

http://www.ukimmigration.com/twes/uk_twes.htm

Note that the application is made by the potential employer and they should apply for a minimum of two years from graduation because the LI requires at least two years work experience prior to taking their professional practice examinations.

Note also that adverts and landscape architecture employers in the UK often refer to “Part 3” or “Part 4” qualified, part 3 means that you have completed a fully accredited programme (and can become an Associate member of the Landscape Institute), while part 4 means you have successfully passed the Landscape Institute’s own professional practice examination. Curiously the terms parts 3 and 4 refer to the Landscape Institute’s own old design examination system which ended in the mid 1980s, the terms are anachronistic. “Year out” refers to paid year long internships which many schools still require for Bachelors students before they proceed to the Masters level.

Contacts

Addresses of landscape consultancies can be found on the Landscape Institute’s web site <http://www.landscapeinstitute.org/registeredpractices/search.php> this is organised by region.

Adverts for firms are to be found on <http://www.landscapeinstitute.org/recruitment/index.php>. The subscription newspaper *Building Design* also publishes job adverts and also has useful adverts from recruitment agencies most of whom also deal with landscape architects (eg. RIBA Recruitment, Hamiltons, Hays Architecture, etc.). The weekly newspaper *Building Design* can also be bought at the RIBA Bookshop and its job adverts are on-line on <http://www.bd4jobs.com/> Recruitment agencies which specialise in landscape architects include Locri (www.locri.co.uk), Locate (www.locatepartnership.co.uk) W5 Recruitment (www.w5recruitment.co.uk) and Anders Elite (www.AndersElite.com) and it may be worth registering with such agencies; the successful employer pays a fee to the agency and it costs the applicant nothing. A national employment advice website for graduates is <http://www.prospects.ac.uk/> it has an environment search facility and you may place your c.v. on this site. *The Guardian* is the national newspaper most likely to have job vacancies, particularly for government and local authority posts, refer to the Environment supplement on Wednesdays and the website is <http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/jobs/environment/>. *Local Government News*, a weekly, publishes local government vacancies their website is <http://www.localgov.co.uk/index.cfm?method=jobs.index> and another local government jobs website is <http://www.lgjobs.com/> A more general job seekers website is <http://www.careerbuilder.co.uk>

It may also be worthwhile checking on some of the Landscape Institute’s own branches’ web sites (listed on the LI website) because some also have lists of firms advertising or have pages where you could advertise yourself (e.g. the South East branch). Typically firms wishing to employ students write to schools of landscape architecture in the spring (for instance, at my own university, the University of Greenwich, we have a notice board with ten or so such letters at Easter and twenty or so by May, so if in the UK you could contact and visit local schools (the Landscape Institute web site has a list).

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Groundwork Trusts are charitable organisations who promote and manage local authority parks and other open space and are said to be the largest employers of landscape architects in the UK, there are over thirty local Groundwork Trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, there are lists of local trusts and also notices of job vacancies on <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/jobs--volunteering.aspx>

A national English ministry is the Environment Agency <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/> see <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/jobs/default.aspx> for its vacancies. The formerly nationalised British Waterways Board became the Canals and Rivers Trust in July 2012 <http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/> and so far does not list job vacancies, but it may be worth checking in future. In Scotland British Waterways it continues as a state body titled Scottish Canals <http://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/>

English Heritage, a government agency concerned with historic buildings, parks and other sites offers salaried year long internships from September. For those with a particular interest in garden history, the English Heritage website is www.english-heritage.org.uk, contact the English Heritage, Gardens and Landscape Team, Ari Georgiou on ari.georgiou@english-heritage.org.uk,

In the UK urban design is undertaken by landscape architects, architects and engineers and there are often job opportunities for landscape architects in firms practicing urban design. A good list of practices from the various disciplines undertaking urban design is to be found in *Urban Design* the journal of the Urban Design Group ref <http://www.udg.org.uk/> and run a job vacancies facility on <http://www.udg.org.uk/jobs> .

How to apply

As an employer one prefers to receive a postal application, with a covering letter, a short two page curriculum vita and A4 photocopies of drawing work (say six or seven) – send CDs only as back up. Note it is advisable not to email. It takes time to download attachments, and to look at cvs and often attachments cannot be opened. Do address letters personally to an individual in a practice and if going for interview research the practice beforehand. Do not expect an acknowledgement to applications, most offices in the UK may have some students write in each week.

It is usual to interview students so you would have to visit the country. Don't expect to find short term, semester-long exchanges, (though it can be a good idea for UK based students to find a job in the summer vacation and then be available for work during the remainder of the year) or for employment after just one year of a university programme and do not be disappointed if you are sometimes employed as a "CAD monkey"; if an office is paying you they will want to cover their costs.

The university year is from September until June so most graduating students apply in May and June. A good time to apply if you are coming from elsewhere is in September or October (August tends to be quiet) or at the beginning of a year from January until April when graduating UK students do not apply.

Robert Holden/ Maggie Roe 28.4.2003/ RH updated 14/1/2013

USA

In the USA internships tend to be more organised than in some countries in Europe, for example the SWA internships, but many other firms also run internships. At the under-listed firms they run short, one or two week student programmes (aka in US as programs) which are effectively education courses run by the firm and usually involve live or realistic projects.

SWA <http://www.swagroup.com/> and see <http://www.swagroup.com/advocacy/students>
EDSA (<http://www.edsaplan.com/> check under "careers" then "internships"

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Design Workshop, <http://www.designworkshop.com/internships.html>

Check the ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) web site for details of other US firms, which may also run such internships (www.asla.org) you can also use google to do a check on ASLA internships. A listing website is <http://www.internships.com/intern/architecture/landscape> .

The US National Parks Service also runs internships <http://www.nps.gov/tps/education/internships.htm> this internships applications can be made from September annually. The Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscapes Survey (HABS/HAER/HALS), division of the National Park Service, offers summer employment documenting historic structures and sites of architectural, landscape, ref <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/preservationblogs/ArticleDetail.aspx?id=1750&catid=3>

The Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, a programme of the National Park Service, also runs internships. Based at the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, Massachusetts, the Center provides cultural landscape technical assistance to parks and historic properties throughout the Northeast. For more information on Olmsted Center projects, visit the website at:

<http://www.nps.gov/oclp/internships.htm>

There are also garden based internships such as that at Dumbarton Oaks, in 2013 there were three, one for landscape architecture intern, one for a landscape conservationist, and one for a GIS/GPS intern. Ref. <http://www.doaks.org/research/garden-landscape/2013-internship-flier> . The Smithsonian Institute has a internship post for landscape architects and usually there are available for the summer, the fall (autumn) and in winter/ spring and last for 10-16 weeks: ref. <http://gardens.si.edu/get-involved/internships.html> . Hilltop Gardens at Indiana University has several landscape architecture internships available each summer, ref. <http://www.indiana.edu/~landscap/hilltop/indiana-university-connection/iuc-internships/index.shtml> .

For federal government employment use the federal jobs website USAjobs <http://www.usajobs.gov/> (though you will undoubtedly have to be a US citizen) and then enter landscape architect in the search engine

For general career opportunity searches in the USA (and Australia): <http://www.careerbuilder.com/?skipq=y> and use advanced search for landscape architect

For graduates in the US the salary prospects are quite good (if you are a US national or can obtain a work permit). The US Bureau of Labor Statistics latest annual review is on <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Architecture-and-Engineering/Landscape-architects.htm>

The Landscape Architecture Foundation also have a guide to employment on www.laprofession.org under "Practice"

Contact your US embassy to find out about student visa and visitor permit details. International students studying in the ISA with a J-I visa may work in the USA upto 18 months after they receive a degree from their American university without a work permit.

Disclaimer note contributions from the US (as well as other countries) would be welcome for this US section, which has largely been put together from web searches from the UK. By someone who has never worked in the USA

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