

Saranya Hari Kumar

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Residential designer and architectural technologist with 7 years of progressive experience delivering renovation and new-build projects from client discovery through permitting, construction, and handover. Recent work includes high-value residential renovations in North & West Vancouver, with a focus on producing clear, buildable, code-aligned drawing packages, improving project efficiency, and supporting profitable project delivery.

Technical strengths include Revit, AutoCAD, Rhino, SketchUp, Lumion, V-Ray, consultant coordination, construction documentation, and code-informed design development.

WORK EXPERIENCE - FULL TIME

Designer - Sprucehill Homes, North Vancouver

Jul 2025 – Present

- Increased profitability on residential renovation projects valued over 1 million by catching measurement and modeling issues early, preventing costly site rework and saving significant labour and material costs.
- Protected project margins by producing clear, buildable, code-aligned drawing sets for permitting and construction, coordinating with municipalities and selections to reduce RFIs, change orders, and inspection delays.
- Enabled faster delivery of high-value projects by collaborating with clients from initial discovery call through weekly updates, using visualizations and selection options to shorten approval cycles and free team capacity for additional billable work.
- Supported revenue and cost control on high-value residential renovations by proactively coordinating quotes and technical details with multiple suppliers, securing accurate pricing and reducing scope creep.
- Improved operational efficiency by refining drawing templates, documentation standards, and tracking systems, creating repeatable processes that support consistent, profitable delivery of residential projects.

Architectural Technologist - Kreate Architecture and Design Ltd., Regina

Sep 2023 – Apr 2025

- Contributed to schematic design, design presentations, and construction documentation for healthcare facilities.
- Analyzed municipal zoning and building bylaws, coordinated engineering drawings, and created construction documentation for retail and daycare projects.
- Developed permit drawings and coordinated with consultants for high-profile interior renovations in office and restaurant spaces.
- Designed preliminary schemes for colleges and public-sector schools, ensuring compliance with NBC 2020 accessibility standards.
- Managed construction administration by effectively liaising with clients, consultants, and contractors, ensuring construction aligned with project specifications and standards; prepared field memos, PCRs, verified shop drawings, and change orders to address construction changes promptly and maintain quality and compliance.

Freelance Architectural Designer - Remote

Aug 2021 – Sep 2023

- Executed architectural detailing, facade designs, BIM 3D modeling, realistic rendering, and interior mood boards for commercial and residential projects.
- Led end-to-end project execution, from requirements gathering to scoping, stakeholder alignment, field reviews, layout design, and high-quality visualization for design walkthroughs.
- Collaborated with clients, designers, engineers, and developers to deliver user-centered designs.

Architect – Pithavadian and Partners, India

Jun 2019 - Aug 2021

- Led design and execution for 20+ large-scale residential, industrial, and commercial projects, including three simultaneous office design projects across various construction phases.
- Collaborated with clients, contractors, and consultants (civil, MEP, structural) to ensure high client satisfaction, project quality, and smooth transitions from concept to implementation.
- Oversaw FF&E procurement and supplier engagement, optimizing budgets and ensuring timely, cost-effective delivery.
- Managed construction budgets, specifications, and tender documentation in compliance with zoning regulations and building codes, providing contract administration support through on-site meetings and shop drawing reviews to maintain quality and project success.

Architect – Beads Architects, India

Jun 2018 - Jun 2019

- Conceptualized and collaborated with a cross-functional team for design development.
- Drafted and presented site analysis, preliminary spatial plans, and design aesthetics to clients.
- Developed construction drawing documents and high-quality visualizations for residential projects.

WORK EXPERIENCE - PART-TIME

UX/UI Designer – EnoLight, Markham (Part-time)

Apr 2023 - May 2023

- Conducted UX research through 7+ user interviews, usability tests, surveys, competitive analyses, and heuristic evaluations to identify actionable insights and constraints.
- Designed experience flow diagrams and developed an information architecture to support the future expansion of the company's lighting products.

Student Ambassador & Visual Designer – ARIES, Centennial College

Apr 2022 - Dec 2022

- Increased student enrollment in the Centre of Entrepreneurship by 70% through strategic marketing, creating 50+ assets (presentations, illustrations, web redesigns, re-branding, and social media content), and conducting an audit of promotional materials to enhance user engagement based on customer feedback.
- Collaborated in an agile environment to organize 60+ workshops and events, including the Global Goals Jam - Canada and SDG training, successfully promoting the Centre's programs and initiatives.

EDUCATION

Interactive Media Management, Centennial College, Toronto, ON

Jan 2022 - Dec 2022

Bachelor's in Architecture, School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, India

Jul 2013 – May 2018

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) - BC Building Code - Part 3

Jan 2025 - Present

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) - Autodesk Revit

December 2024

Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB)

October 2024 - Present

Council of Architecture - India (COA) - Architect

Nov 2018 - Present

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Pitch It Competition, Ontario College Incubator Network (*May 2022*)

- Won the People's Choice Award for Social Entrepreneurship – Dcrease, a SaaS product that reduces cloud storage costs for SMBs

Global Goals Jam Canada, Centennial College (*Mar 2022*)

- Secured the 1st position out of 9 teams for a social entrepreneurship idea to reduce Dark Data during a 3-day Design thinking Jam under the theme "Reduce, Recycle, Reuse."

Canva – Wall Mural Competition, Uni (*Feb 2021*)

- Secured 1st position in an international live project competition to design an interactive digital mural, "Pixel Wall."

IGBC - Indian Green Building Council (*Aug 2014*)

- Secured the third prize for a sustainable broadcasting station design idea on Prevention over Prescription.

VOLUNTEERING

President - SDG Innovation & Entrepreneurship Club, Centennial College, Toronto, ON

General Secretary & Cultural Secretary, School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, India