

Saranya Hari Kumar

Architectural Designer

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- Over **5 years** of experience in **architectural and interior design**, with additional specialization in 3D modeling, rendering, graphic design, user-centered design, and digital design.
- Designed and delivered **50+ projects** across various domains such as architecture, interior design, digital platforms, and print media.
- Strong **project management expertise of 4 years**, managed cross-functional team involving PMs, engineers, and designers in the work environment, conducted stand-up meetings, and timely delivered onsite and offsite design projects.
- Proficient with architectural drawing technologies and various design tools, including **AutoCAD, Revit, Sketchup, VRay, Enscape, Lumion, Adobe Creative Suite, and Microsoft Office Suite**.

WORK EXPERIENCE - FULL TIME

Architectural Technologist - *Kreate Architecture and Design Ltd., Regina, Saskatchewan*

Sep 2023 – Present

- Designed innovative schemes and prepared comprehensive **construction documentation** for **healthcare** facilities.
- Analyzed **zoning regulations** and Canadian Building codes, synchronized engineering drawings, and developed construction documentation adhering to design guidelines for **retail outlets and daycare** projects.
- Created **permit drawings** and **coordinated with consultants for interior renovation** projects at high-profile **office and restaurant** locations.
- Developed preliminary design schemes for **colleges and schools**, ensuring full compliance with **accessibility standards** according to **NBC 2020**.

Freelance Architectural Designer - *Remote*

Aug 2021 – Sep 2023

- Executing design projects involving **Architectural Design Detailing, Facade Designs, BIM 3D modeling & realistic rendering, and Interior Design Moodboards for commercial and residential spaces**.
- Championing end-to-end projects, from requirement gathering to scoping, understanding stakeholder aesthetic and technical requirements, **conducting field reviews and research**, building layouts and schemes, and presenting high-quality visualizations for design walkthroughs
- Collaborating with the **project team** involving **clients, designers, engineers, and developers** to create user-centered designs

Architect – *Pithavadian and Partners, India*

Jun 2019 - Aug 2021

- Led the design and execution of over **20 large-scale residential, industrial, and commercial projects**.
- Managed the design & execution of **3 large-scale office design projects** simultaneously at various phases of construction.
- Collaborated with **project teams**, including **clients, contractors, civil, MEP, structural consultants, and site engineers**, to ensure project success, achieving high client satisfaction and superior work quality.
- **Translated design concepts into comprehensive design development documents**, contributing to the seamless transition from concept to implementation
- **Managed procurement of FF&E for interiors and engaged with suppliers** to ensure timely delivery and cost optimization
- Scrutinized **construction budgets, and specifications** and **prepared tender documentation** in compliance with **zoning regulations, local building codes, and bylaws**.
- Actively engaged in **on-site meetings**, conducted thorough shop drawing reviews, and provided crucial contract administration support, underscoring commitment to project success and quality assurance.

Architect – *Beads Architects, India*

Jun 2018 - Jun 2019

- Conceptualized and collaborated with a cross-functional 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, including 7+ user interviews, usability tests, surveys, competitive analyses, and heuristic evaluations to identify actionable next steps and constraints from user feedback
- Architecting experiences using flow diagrams to develop an information architecture that paves the way for seamless expansion of the company's lighting products in the future

Student Ambassador & Visual Designer – *ARIES, Centennial College*

Apr 2022 - Dec 2022

- Engaged in marketing efforts to increase student enrollment in the Centre of Entrepreneurship by 70%
- Created over 50 marketing collateral pieces using visual design principles, including visual assets, presentations, illustrations, web redesign, re-branding, and social media content, to promote the Centre of Entrepreneurship programs
- Conducted a comprehensive audit of promotional design materials based on customer feedback and outcomes, leading to the development of strategies for increased user engagement and design iterations
- Collaborated effectively in an agile environment, contributing to the successful organization of over 60 workshops and events, such as the Global Goals Jam - Canada and SDG training

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.

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION

Architect - Council of Architecture - India

Nov 2018 - Present

Credential ID CA/2018/96730

EDUCATION

Interactive Media Management, *Centennial College, Toronto, ON*

Jan 2022 - Dec 2022

Bachelor's in Architecture (B.Arch.), *School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, India*

Jul 2013 – May 2018

- Sanative Architecture – Research paper on enhancing healing in hospitals through spatial design
- Embracing Emptiness – Experiential Meditation Centre that creates a sensory experience for the visitors

VOLUNTEERING

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

Apr 2022 - Dec 2022

- Led and organized a sustainability-focused club with over 90 members.

General Secretary, *School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, India*

Jul 2016 - Apr 2017

Cultural Secretary, *School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, India*

Jul 2014 - Apr 2015