

Cities & Environment Unit's (CEU) work links the university and communities. Our approach is always community-based and design focused. This implies developing community-specific public participation strategies, building on local skills and knowledge, and generally increasing awareness of planning at many levels. Frequently our work serves as a basis for capacity building and is always focused on finding innovative solutions that make a difference on the ground. Cities & Environment Unit is a community planning action and applied research group based in the Faculty of Architecture & Planning at Dalhousie University, directed by Prof. Frank Palermo.

CEU is engaged in a variety of projects, including First Nations community planning, rural planning, transportation planning, urban design, community-based design/build projects and community consultation. A position is available for an enthusiastic individual to play a key role in the development and implementation of community-based design/build projects. This is an exciting opportunity to build on CEU's existing body of work, apply community-based planning and design principles in a professional setting and help communities shape their own futures while building local capacity. CEU is seeking a **Community-Based Designer/Builder** with the following qualifications and attributes to join our team:

Qualifications

- Professional architecture degree.
- Interest in community-based design and construction processes.
- Knowledge of community planning principles and processes.
- Hands-on construction experience.
- Knowledge of building documents, materials, planning, and organization of construction projects.
- Proficiency in use of Adobe Creative Suite, AutoCAD and other design-related software packages.
- Excellent graphic design and visual representation skills (e.g., sketching, rendering, creating documents, etc.).
- Effective and efficient research skills.
- Excellent written, oral and visual communication and presentation skills.
- Ability to travel frequently, extensively and at short notice required.

Attributes

- Ability to work collaboratively and independently, take initiative and be resourceful; capable of providing leadership when required.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Strong organization and time management skills.

Duties

- Work as a team to engage community members in design/build projects as part of implementing long-term community plans.
- Produce tools to facilitate community-based design/build processes (e.g., panels, models, illustrations, etc.).
- Organize and facilitate community charrettes, workshops, etc.
- Develop construction drawings specifically tailored to a community design/build process.
- Organize construction crews with a focus on involving community members and building local capacity.
- Assist community contacts with the sourcing of local materials and other resources.
- Capture outcomes of design/build projects in various types of publications.

Salary & contract: Starting salary of \$36,500 annually; contract length of 4 months beginning in May 2011. There is potential for extension based on funding and performance.

Candidates are asked to submit a cover letter, resume and portfolio by April 20, 2011 to: Frank Palermo, Director, Cities & Environment Unit. *Drop-off or mail:* 5257 Morris Street, Halifax, NS B3J 1B6; *E-mail* (PDF or Word) to: ceu@dal.ca; or *Fax:* 902.423.6672.

For further information please contact us at 902.494.3678 or visit our website: www.ceunit.dal.ca
We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.