

HAFSA SYED

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinction Award in Environmental and Technical Studies – AA Diploma Thesis
2024 | AA School

RIBA Bronze President's Student Medal Nominee
2020 | RIBA & University of Westminster

AIA UK Student Charrette Group Winner
2019 | Roca London Gallery

Academic Excellence Award
2018,2020 | University of Westminster

SKILLS

Revit	██████████
Tally® (Revit Plugin)	██████████
VectorWorks	██████████
Rhinoceros 3D	██████████
Grasshopper (Rhino Plugin)	██████████
Unreal Engine Rendering	██████████
SketchUp	██████████
Digital Fabrication	██████████
Video Editing (PremierePro)	██████████
Adobe Suite	██████████
Auto-CAD	██████████
Enscape, Lumion	██████████
3DS Max	██████████
Watercolour, Sketching	██████████
Model Making	██████████

LANGUAGES

English	–	Native
Urdu	–	Native
Arabic	–	Comprehension

REFEREES *phone available upon request

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EDUCATION

The Architectural Association School of Architecture – Masters of Architecture

- Sept 2022 to Jul 2024 | London, UK
- Received High Pass (highest grade) in both Year 1 and Year 2
 - Awarded Distinction in Technical and Environmental Research in both Year 1 and Year 2

University of Westminster – BA (Hons) Architecture

- Sept 2017 to Jul 2020 | London, UK
- Graduated as Valedictorian with First Class Honours grade.
 - Thesis project nominated for RIBA Bronze President's Student Medal among university batch

Manarat Al Riyadh High School – A-Levels (AAA)

- Jun 2017 | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Achieved AAA in all three A-Level subjects: Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry, 4.0 GPA equivalent

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOM (Skidmore, Owings & Merrill) – Architectural Designer (RIBA Part 2)

- Jul 2025 to Present | New York, USA
- Working across SD through DD phases of commercial scale projects under career accelerator program.

Brett Zamore Design Ltd. – Architectural Assistant (RIBA Part 1)

- Oct 2021 to Jun 2022 | Houston, Texas, USA
- Solely responsible for producing comprehensive BIM drawing sets for three residential projects, including architectural, structural, and MEP systems, with attention to LEED requirements.
 - Involved in the drawing sets for medium-scale commercial projects, across SD, DD, and CD phases.
 - Fully redesigned the practice website and led social media strategy.

Yasmeen Lari Design Lab / Heritage Foundation of Pakistan – Architectural Assistant (RIBA Part 1)

- Oct 2020 to Mar 2021 | Karachi, Pakistan
- Worked directly under renowned architect Yasmeen Lari; contributed to the PD, DD, CD, and CA phases of bamboo and earth-based flood-relief structures, with responsibilities spanning from design development, structural analysis, and on-site fabrication administration.
 - Independently led and managed a UNESCO World Heritage Site archival project in collaboration with the British Council. This involved overseeing project funding, hosting local youth training programs, and producing a 120+ page report, including highly detailed historic preservation drawings.

Makespace Architects & AKII – Technical Research Intern

- Oct 2019 to Apr 2020 | London, UK
- Conducted site analysis and parametric design development using Grasshopper to detail a timber dome structure for 2023 V&A Ramadan Pavilion, as part of a 10-person student team focussing on optimized structural connections for efficient fabrication and assembly.

Mamou-Mani Ltd. – Technical Research Intern

- Jan 2020 | London, UK
- Developed and optimized the structural and geometric performance of a parametric triangular metal façade system using Grasshopper analysis and prototyped 1:5 and 1:2 scale fabricated mock-ups.
 - Recognized for technical contributions, receiving a full-time offer.

Gianni Botsford Architects – Architectural Intern

- Jun 2019 to July 2019 | London, UK
- Produced drawings and renders for a shortlisted National Concert Hall competition in Lithuania

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

University of Westminster – Visiting Architecture Critic

- Sept 2022 to Jul 2024 | London, UK
- Provided design feedback to BA Architecture students for end-of-term panels 3 to 4 times annually.

Architectural Association School & University of Westminster – Elected Studio Representative

- Oct 2017 to Aug 2020 & Sept 2022 to Jul 2024 | London, UK
- Represented student interests for five years, advocating for diversity and academic improvements.
 - Co-founded 'University of Westminster Architecture Student Mentoring Scheme', fostering peer support.

University of Westminster – Co-Leader of Virtual Exhibition Design and Build

- Jun 2020 | London, UK
- Co-led 3D modeling team for university's first virtual end-of-year exhibition, optimizing back-end and front-end digital design elements.