

HAFSA SYED

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinction 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

1. Inigo Minns – AA School, Diploma 12 Unit Master, Head of AA Media Studies
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2. Brett Zamore – AIA, LEED AP, Principal at Brett Zamore Design
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3. Ili-Sam Park – Partner at Foster + Partners, Dubai, UAE
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EDUCATION

The Architectural Association School of Architecture – Masters of Architecture

Sept 2022 to Jul 2024 | London, UK

- Awarded High Pass (highest grade) in both Year 1 and Year 2.
- 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 grading in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (4.0 GPA)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance – Architectural Designer (RIBA Part 2)

Oct 2024 to Present | USA, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia

- Directed the exterior restoration & full interior fit-out of a private residence in Karachi, Pakistan; led the architectural design process, from contractor coordination to custom millwork/furniture design.
- Developed schematic design studies and visualizations for a 10-floor hospital extension at King Faisal Specialist Hospital, Saudi Arabia, with healthcare spatial programming and a regional material palette.

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 form 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

Oct 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.