
RIBA Student Destinations Survey 2018

You are being invited to take part in a research project.

Before you decide to complete the survey, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide if you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this!

What is the project's purpose?

At present very little is known about where RIBA Part 1 graduates eventually end up working. Although current feedback and experience has informed an assumption that architecture is a very good preparation for all sorts of careers, there is not currently substantial research to prove whether this is true. We don't know: what proportion of graduates stay in the profession; the effect of student fees on who enters architectural education; if graduates leave the profession why they leave; how useful their education was in securing work in another field and how ready graduates are to move to other parts of the world to find employment. We need this information to make architectural education more realistic, to improve the employability of RIBA Part 1 graduates and to gain a better understanding of what happens when graduates leave school to join the profession.

[We need your help in finding answers to these questions.](#)

This questionnaire is part of a ten-year survey taking place across eight very different Schools of Architecture. It is our hope that at the end of the ten-year period we will have a good picture of the employment situation for RIBA Part 1 graduates. Each year we will write a press release on the main trends revealed by our findings. All submissions are anonymous and no individual school will be mentioned in any publications without its prior approval.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been chosen because you fit the participant criteria – you have previously completed a RIBA Part 1 qualification at one of the participating Universities.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part although we greatly appreciate your participation. If you do decide to take part you are providing consent by completing the questionnaire and submitting it. You can still withdraw at any time. You do not have to give a reason.



What will happen to me if I take part?

You will complete the online questionnaire through Survey Monkey and this will take approximately 10 minutes. A series of questions will be asked relating to your experience of education, employment and future plans. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not wish to.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

If you chose to, you can leave your email address to be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 voucher for [RIBA Bookshops](#).

Whilst there are no other immediate benefits for those people participating in the project, it is hoped that this work will contribute to academic and policy debates about employment prospects of architecture students. It will also assist us to develop our courses and careers advice accordingly.

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

All the information that we collect about you during the research will be kept confidential with codes employed to analyse the findings. As far as possible, identifiers will be removed and the use of numbers will be used to label the data collected and you will not be able to be identified in any reports or publications that arise from this research. Your details will be kept in a password protected computer in case we need to contact you in the future as part of a follow up survey. The data generated during the research will be kept securely in paper or electronic form for a period of ten years after the completion of a research project.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The research is organised and funded by the [Royal Institute of British Architects](#), [Northumbria University](#) and the [University of Sheffield](#).

Who has ethically reviewed the project?

This research project has been ethically reviewed by the University of Sheffield.

Contact for further information

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