Australian Institute of Architects SONA

2027 SONA Representative Application





SONA is the student membership body of the Australian Institute of Architects

SONA REPRESENTS THE FUTURE, AND THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF STUDENTS AIMS TO DEVELOP A CULTURE OF LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN ARCHITECTURE

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TIITLE

(University name) SONA Representative

POSITION FOCUS

- Act as an ambassador for SONA and The Institute at your university.
- Help The Institute grow the SONA network by communicating the value of membership to your peers and actively contributing to SONA community building.
- Assist with SONA event planning to facilitate opportunities for professional and social networking at your university.
- Assist with coordination of the national student design competition, Super Studio in your state/territory.
- Offer a student perspective to the Institutes Chapter Council and Education committee meetings.

DETAILED RESPONSIBILITIES

We are looking for students with experience in the below, or amazing ideas and a willingness to learn.

- Events and networking – Help us to plan activities that bring students together.
- Social media – Build awareness of SONA & engage your SONA community.
- Public speaking – Represent SONA at your university and on Institute Committees and forums.
- Graphic Design – Use your InDesign skills to help edit templates and flyers for a student audience.
- Time Management – Effectively juggle your commitments and manage your university workload.
- Communication – Maintain open, clear, and collegial communication, ensuring cooperation and alignment with the Institute's values at all times.
- Team Player - work closely with others, demonstrating a strong commitment to achieving shared goals.

ELIGIBILITY

- At the time of application and commencement of the role, be a current and financial SONA member.
- Be attending classes or have contact hours at the University where appointed as SONA representative for the duration of the role.
- A commitment to this volunteer role role for a 12-month term (Jan-Dec).
- New changes for 2027, in states and territories with only one university offering an accredited architecture course (TAS, ACT, NT, and SA), two co-representatives will be appointed. The co-representatives will share the role and operate as a single position.

for any questions email: sona@architecture.com.au

OUR IDEAL CANDIDATE

You've got a natural flair for public speaking, whether it's rallying your classmates for a project or presenting in front of an audience. Your connections at university are strong, from fellow students to faculty, making you the go-to person for campus activity.

As a social person who's enthusiastic about getting students together, you're excited about the opportunity to be the voice of SONA at your university. You have the drive to grow the SONA network by showing your peers the value of SONA membership, whether it's through a casual chat or during on campus activities.

your enthusiasm for event planning and social media makes you the perfect candidate to help organise impactful SONA events and competitions like Super Studio and raise awareness of SONA. You're not just a participant—you're a leader, ready to offer valuable insights and help shape the future of architecture education with us.

BENEFITS OF BEING A SONA REP

- Free SONA membership for the year you are in the role.
- Learn more about the architecture profession.
- Learn new skills and develop your experience in a professional setting.
- Be part of a like-minded community and raise your profile in the profession.
- Looks great on your CV and shows a keen interest in your chosen profession.

COMMITMENT

The SONA Representative role is a fun and important volunteer role – we give you a lot of support, but we are also counting on you to step up. Those applying should expect to spend approximately 1- 2 hours a week on SONA related activities.

Before applying, consider your availability for key SONA activities in 2027.

- SONA in-person induction meeting at your local chapter.
- July/August for Super Studio 2027.

APPLY

Applications close **Monday,** 23 November 2027 but the position may be filled before this date. Early applications are encouraged. Apply now