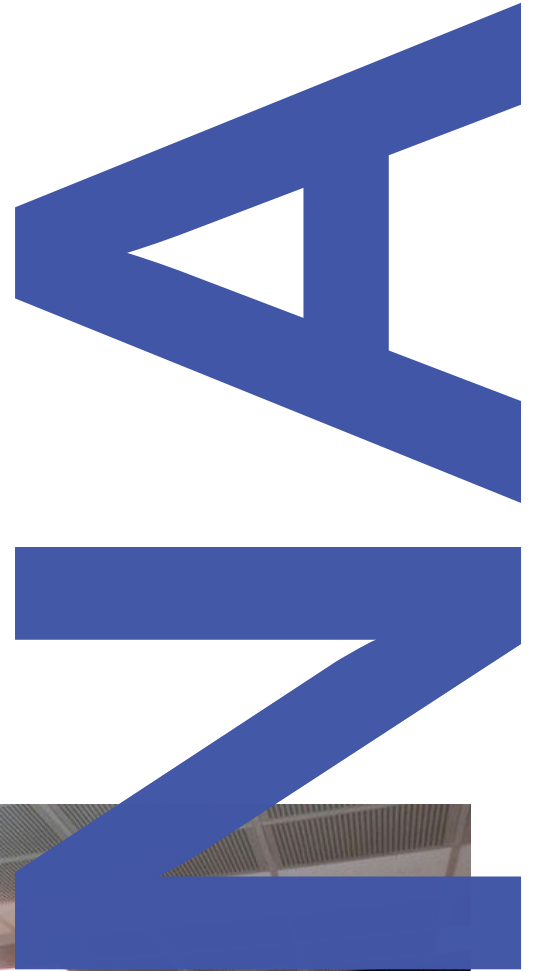


Australian
Institute of
Architects

2022 SONA Representative Application



SONA is the student member group of
the Australian Institute of Architects



ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Australian Institute of Architects (The Institute) is the peak body for the architectural profession in Australia, representing more than 12,000 members across Australia and overseas. The Institute works to improve our built environment by prompting quality, responsible and sustainable design, promoting the architectural profession and being the public voice for architecture.

The Institute works on behalf of its members and in the public interest to advocate for the value of the architectural profession and for architecture's contribution to a better-built environment and quality of life. Our work engages with Members, stakeholders, community, and government around a range of important public concerns, including:

1. Fostering thriving cities and regions
2. Housing a diverse and inclusive community
3. Improving building regulation
4. Addressing climate change
5. Capitalising on creativity
6. Supporting Australian skills and trade

Members are the core of what the Institute represents and the work it does. Support for Members and their contribution to a better-built environment informs the Institute's strategic plan, its advocacy efforts, its communications, its practice tools and professional development opportunities, its offerings to emerging practitioners and its support for the next generation of architects. 'Members first' is the lens through which all Institute decisions are made.

OUR VISION

Everyone benefits from good architecture.

OUR PURPOSE

To demonstrate the value of architecture and support the profession.

OUR STRATEGY

- Respected Leadership
- Advocacy with Impact
- Deliver Member Value
- Strong and Viable Institute

OUR VALUES

- One Community – embracing diversity and open communication
- Innovation – demonstrating leadership with courage and creativity
- Accountability – acting with integrity, responsibility, and sustainability
- Respect – relating with empathy and recognition for effort
- Collaboration – working together, with trust and transparency



PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

To be an ambassador for SONA and The Institute at your University.

To intensify student's university study and social experiences, providing opportunities for professional networking and career development.

To provide a student perspective to Australian Institute of Architects' committees and focus groups. To advocate for student talent through publications, competitions and prizes.

REQUIREMENTS

The SONA Representative must meet the following requirements:

- 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 they are appointed as SONA representative.
- Maximum of two co-representatives can be appointed at one university. Where this is the case, the co-representatives jointly represent one position. Special request is necessary for this and will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Institute's National Membership Services Officer.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

You advance the interests of students by representing yourself, your university, university colleagues, SONA and The Australian Institute of Architects.

Typical responsibilities of a SONA rep may include:

- Working with your local chapter to organise local events, this may include office crawls, portfolio review nights and competitions.
- Working with the Institute and SONA executive to assist in delivering national events in your state, such as design competitions.
- Participation in regular meetings and email communications with SONA exec and Institute staff.
- Manage your states SONA Instagram account, following the Institutes branding and social media policies.
- Commit to approximately 2 hours of SONA related activities per week.
- Using provided templates and following the Institute branding guidelines to create graphics for local & national events for social media.
- Representing SONA on local Committees and working Groups – SONA Representatives are expected to participate in Chapter Council meetings and other committee meetings such as Sustainability and Education in their local chapter.
- Actively participate in national SONA committee meetings and contribute to the discussions, raising relevant items at local committee meetings



LEADING FROM THE FRONT

- Upholding and promoting the Institute's values and culture and encouraging fellow SONA Members to do the same.
- Actively working on behalf of SONA Members to identify and respond to issues aligned to the Institute's strategy and policy.
- Promoting open and collegial communications between SONA Members, the National SONA Committee and Institute staff.
- guiding SONA's theme; national programs and—in collaboration with the SONA executive leadership team and the Institute staff—the implementation of SONA's strategic plan.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

- You are an effective communicator
- You are organised and you complete tasks in a timely manner
- You are a team player
- You are an innovative thinker
- You are comfortable with public speaking
- You have intermediate InDesign skills
- You have exceptional management skills to juggle your role with university priorities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please use the 'APPLY NOW' button to submit your nomination.
SONA Representative roles are appointed by the Institute.

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

Tell us what you believe you can contribute to the role, how will you make a difference to students and architecture through your involvement as a SONA Rep in 2022?

APPLY NOW!