

## **SONA Representative Application**

### **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 promoting quality, responsible and sustainable design, promoting the architectural profession and being the public voice for architecture.

### **ABOUT SONA**

The Student Organised for Architecture (SONA) is the official student body of the Australian Institute of Architects. SONA aims to foster a culture of community, leadership and collaboration between students for the advancement of architecture, this is achieved by bringing together students from across Australia to participate in national and local events, to advocate for students and to offer opportunities for professional development.

### **PURPOSE OF THE SONA REP ROLE**

- Act as an ambassador for SONA and The Institute at university and keep abreast of issues that are important to students
- Help the Institute grow the SONA network by communicating the value of membership to your peers and actively contributing to recruitment initiatives such as O week activities.
- Assist with event planning to facilitate opportunities for professional social networking and career development.
- Assist with coordination of the national student design competition, Super Studio in your state
- Trusted advisors to The Australian Institute of Architects - offer a student perspective on Institute Chapter Council and Education committee meetings

### **YOUR EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

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** – The Institute places a high value on open, clear, collegial and cooperative communications at all times.

- **Team Player** - work closely with others, as a unified Institute, advancing the collective interests of the Membership.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The SONA Representative must meet the following eligibility 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.

## **COMMITMENT**

The SONA Representative role is a fun and important role – we give you a lot of support but we are also counting on you to step up. We need reps who can manage time well, you will need to participate in regular meetings, teleconference calls and email communications with SONA exec and Institute staff -expect to spend approximately 2 hours a week on SONA related activities.

Dates are yet to be finalised for Super Studio, but this could be in August 2023.

We ask reps thinking about applying to be available in July/August.

We will be holding an induction meeting in early 2023 – ideally reps will be available sometime in the first last 2 weeks of January.

You can fulfil this role for a 12 month term commencing in January 2023.