

## 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 Representative role

- 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 recruitment initiatives such as O week activities.
- 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
- Trusted advisors to The Australian Institute of Architects - offering 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 students.

### 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 for the duration of the role/
- You can fulfil this role for a 12-month term commencing in January 2024
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- A maximum of two co-representatives can be appointed at one university. Where this is the case, the co-representatives jointly represent one position. A special request is necessary for this and will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Institute's National Membership Services Officer. Please email [sona@architecture.com.au](mailto:sona@architecture.com.au)

### **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, and respond to email communications with SONA exec and Institute staff – expect to spend approximately 1- 2 hours a week on SONA related activities.

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

We will be holding an induction meeting for SONA representatives in early 2023 – ideally, reps will be available for this, dates to be decided by likely across 2 days in the last 2 weeks of January.

### **Apply now**