

AIA Houston

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Do you have a job currently? – Help you keep it

Don't have a job yet? - Your options are open!

Get organized:

who do you want to work for/with, what sort of projects do you want to work on
update resume, update portfolio, start your LinkedIn profile

Looking for a job:

always interviewing and presenting yourself
go to events: RDA, lectures, continuing education seminars, openings, ribbon cuttings

*Go to RDA lecture tonight at 7 pm

*Volunteer for Gulf Coast Green

talk to people at events about things you are interested in
volunteer: not at an architect's office, at a non-profit organization, learn things from your future client's side
initiate: start something you love to do, get involved, look at what needs to be done
typical: competitions, ask to write something for Cite, opinion to Houston Chronicle

Increase your skills:

study and take ARE: get IDP in order, start a study group
take USGBC Green Associate exam (or LEED AP if possible)
learn BIM, graphics software, 3D rendering, energy modeling, Spanish
learn a trade: welding, wiring, carpentry, painting

Work hard:

be on time, ask questions, show initiative, be responsible

Negotiation:

take a low starting salary, ask to be reviewed in 3 months
get paid for all of your hours you work

Other options:

part time work: ask firms if they need a model built, a rendering done, LEED paperwork done, awards submissions worked on, anything filed
work adjacent to architecture: graphic design, product design, construction, landscape, furniture
move: to a smaller town, another part of the world
start your own firm: do something for your parents, friends of your parents, build it
build furniture, install landscaping
work in retail: home depot, dal-tile, lighting, furniture
go back to school
really volunteer: habitat for humanity, peace corp, etc