



Job Title: Design Intern

Location: Kibera, Nairobi

Organization: Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI)

Closing date: October 31, 2016

Are you a graduate architect or a recently graduated design professional with an interest in community development? Kounkuey Design Initiative is offering a 6-month internship program for recent graduates interested in acquiring hands on experience in participatory design and community development.

About KDI:

KOUNKUEY DESIGN INITIATIVE (KDI) is an award-winning non-profit design and community development organization that partners with underserved communities in the US, Africa, and Latin America to physically transform communities and in the process, improve environmental, economic, and social quality of life. The architects, urban planners, community organizers, and engineers that make up our team believe participatory design and long-term investment are key to sustainable development. Working collaboratively with communities, we help residents identify priority needs and create and implement design-based solutions that meet those needs.

Position Summary:

KDI is currently seeking a recently graduated design professional with an interest in community development to support our growing team in Nairobi, Kenya. This is a fantastic opportunity for a highly motivated and creative self-starter to work directly with vulnerable communities throughout Kibera on a wide range of tasks. The candidate will work in a highly collaborative interdisciplinary environment of architects, landscape architects, urban planners, community organizers, and construction and fabrication teams.

Responsibilities:

- Work in collaboration with design, construction, and community teams
- Ability to work well with others in a diverse, open-office environment
- Successfully meet schedules and critical deadlines
- Have a positive attitude and willingness to grow
- Be detail-oriented and well organized
- Assist in generating workshop presentations and design packages
- Generate drawings, including 3-D representations, plans, sections, elevations, and details
- Assist in compiling project documentation, reports, and specifications
- Work in collaboration with design and construction teams to create finish schedules, compile specifications, and assemble preliminary budgets
- Report directly to Country Director with regular consultation and review with Associate Director
- The design intern position is a full-time position.

Qualifications:

- BArch or other relevant design degree



- Excellent design and graphic skills
- Previous internship experience in a related field
- Excellence in AutoCAD and the Adobe CS
- Excellence in sketch-up
- Bilingual (English-Kiswahili) highly preferred
- Interest in community participatory design
- Kenyan citizenship required for this position

Application Procedure:

Interested parties should submit (1) a cover letter that includes relevant experience, achievements, and interest in social development; (2) CV; and (3) a portfolio that includes design projects, duration of design, and project description in PDF format. Please note that we will only be accepting electronic submissions and will only be contacting the most qualified applicants to schedule a formal interview.

Submit application materials to:

Tatu Gatere

Kenya Country Director, KDI

tatu@kounkuoy.org

Please use “**Design Intern Application**” in the Subject Line.

Deadline: **November 7th 2016**