

Position Title: Senior Associate | Studio Designer
Location: Washington, DC
Experience: 10 – 15 years

OEHME, VAN SWEDEN | OvS, an internationally recognized, award-winning landscape architecture firm located on historic Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, is seeking a qualified, dynamic, candidate with ten to fifteen years of experience. The position requires a high level of design for a diversified mix of clients that includes government agencies, public institutions, businesses, and private residences.

The Opportunity:

We are looking for a candidate with extensive landscape architectural experience who will assist with firm-wide design projects and support the firm’s staff. The ideal candidate will have strong technical skills and the ability to work autonomously as well as collaboratively.

The Role:

With an exciting range of projects on the horizon, we have an opportunity for someone wanting to further their career and make a strong contribution to our team. The ideal candidate will:

- Have a high level of design expertise, offer innovative conceptualization, and reinforce firm-wide design consistency;
- Build significant and lasting relationships with our clients;
- Have experience in working on multiple projects concurrently or managing a portion of a large, complex project with multiple stakeholders;
- Participate in all phases of a project from master planning through to construction observation. This includes concept design, finalization of technical details and drawings during construction documentation, and participation in site visits with report documentation;
- Provide design direction for team members;
- Manage and monitor projects, allocate tasks and workload planning within prescribed budget, and review project invoicing;
- Take an active role in production of fee proposals, bid support, contract addenda and scope changes, proposal presentation, and negotiation of final deliverables and costs;
- Clearly write concise technical reports and directly contribute to conference calls, meetings, and workshops;
- Provide technical advice to resolve problems and review government regulatory or other governmental agencies requirements for projects;
- Prepare site analysis documents, conduct research relevant to project work, and prepare documentation associated with local agency approval;
- Deliver a high standard of graphic, written, and verbal communication, and an ability to actively engage with, and contribute to, a design studio culture;
- Cultivate new opportunities with existing and potential clients.

About you:

This role is ideally suited to someone with 10 – 15 years of relevant experience and:

- Qualifications in Landscape Architecture and have professional licensure;
- Experience in leading and managing in a collaborative environment with three (3) or more years’ experience as a project manager and five (5) or more years’ experience managing staff;
- Strong graphic skills in the Adobe Suite, specifically InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator;

- Proficiency with relevant software applications including AutoCAD, Revit, and 3D modelling is a plus, but readiness to learn is also valued;
- Experience with landscape design projects for large-scale, high-end residential projects;
- Strong horticultural knowledge, with a desire to increase expertise of plant species familiarity and planting design.

Your response should include a resume and portfolio demonstrating skills and experience. Please submit your application package to employ@ovsla.com. Include *Senior Associate | Studio Designer* in the subject line. No phone calls, please.