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The profession in Belgium

Any architect who wishes to practice the profession in Belgium must first register with the Order of Architects in Belgium.

Before registration is possible, you need to perform a two-year internship as practical continuation of your academic training.

When you complete your practical training you receive a practical training certificate. This document proves that you have satisfied the compulsory practical experience requirements and allows you to apply for entry to the roll.

[Starten met mijn stage | Orde van Architecten](#)
[Commencing My Training | Orde van Architecten](#)

Practical training

The internship is the practical continuation of your academic training. It is a two-year learning trajectory in which your theoretical knowledge is extensively tested against the practice of renovating and building for at least 120 hours per month.

Competences and skills that you have acquired during your studies are further honed and made concrete during the internship.

Under the guidance of an internship supervisor, you will become acquainted with the different facets of the profession.

Practical training in another country

Trainee architects may gain some or all of their practical experience in a foreign country. They must ask the Order of Architects for permission to do so in advance.

Students who are already entered on a trainee list must apply to the Council of the Order with which they are registered.

If they are not yet on a trainee list they must apply to the Council of the Order in their province of residence.

[Andere mogelijkheden naast de traditionele stage | Orde van Architecten](#)

[Alternatives to the Traditional Training Placement | Orde van Architecten](#)

Network – how to find an internship place

- KU Leuven connect - KU Leuven Connect is the online community to reach all our alumni, and connect the academic with the professional world.
- Erasmus-network of the faculty - The faculty keeps a list of all Erasmus internships (on Toledo - Internationalisation).
- The Order of Architects maintains a list of vacancies:
<https://www.architect.be/jobs/vacatures>
- Your personal network (via the tutors).

Erasmus-network

The faculty keeps a list of all offices where we already had Erasmus trainees. If you apply there, it will probably help to mention the names of previous interns.

Denmark		
3XN	www.3xn.com	Mária Tkáčová
AMPD	www.ampd.dk	Eva Delrue
BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group	www.big.dk	Johan Cool, Job Schobre
Dorte Mandrup Arkitekter	www.dortemandrup.dk	Matthias Decler, Ellen Van den Eeckhout
EFFEKT	www.effekt.dk	Lotte Mattelaer, Nigel Jooren
JAJA Architects	www.ja-ja.dk	Sam De Boever
JDS Architects	jdsa.eu	Dries Rodet
Matters arkitekter	www.mttrs.dk	Dorsa Ali Zadeh
Point	www.pointcph.com	Lieven Dhollander, Sien Declercq, Tommaso Antonicelli
Rosan Bosch Studio	www.rosanbosch.com	Dorsa Ali Zadeh
Sangberg Architects	www.sangberg.com/	Marrije Vande Eynde
Svendborg architects	svendborgarchitects.dk	Jordy Van Osselaer
TRANSFORM architects	www.transform.dk	Laurent Temmerman, Pierre Dugardyn

Scholarship programmes

Erasmus+ grants via Students on the Move programme:

- Recent graduates may apply for this scholarship. The traineeship must be completed within one year (12 months) of graduation.
- To participate in the Erasmus+ programme, students must *register before graduation*, i.e. before the date that your scores are officially announced. **Registration is not possible after graduation.**

<https://www.studentsonthemove.be/en/scholarships/erasmusplus-traineeship-after-graduation>

<https://www.kuleuven.be/global/going-abroad/erasmusplus/flanders-traineeship-platform>

Erasmus grants

Scholarships are awarded on a ***first-come, first-served*** basis until the budget is exhausted. Only complete applications will be considered: registration before graduation, signed Learning Agreement, uploaded diploma/degree certificate.

Group 1: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland, Luxembourg, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Faroe Islands, Switzerland, United Kingdom **€529/€779**

Group 2: Netherlands, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City **€479/€729**

Group 3: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, North Macedonia, Slovenia, Croatia, Turkey, Serbia **€429/€679**

Group 4: Countries not associated to the Erasmus programme **€700/€950**



<https://youtu.be/BV6MRaR5cfQ>

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NY Hub

At the Faculty of Architecture, we believe it is important to encourage our alumni to enrich their experience through internships or traineeships in the NY region.

Every year we organize 4 internships/internships through our Belcham NY partner, based on a thorough selection of candidates by the Faculty of Architecture. The program provides support in the job-finding and visa, but does not provide a salary.

<https://arch.kuleuven.be/english/studying/going-abroad/the-new-york-hub/working-in-new-york>

NY Hub network

Previously realized and ongoing internships are are:

<u>Carlos Cardenas</u>	<u>Nea Studio</u>
<u>Chelsey Watthy</u>	<u>GRT Architects</u>
<u>Elias Bey</u>	<u>Young Projects</u>
<u>Elzbieta Paszkowicz</u>	<u>Architecture Work Office</u>
<u>Iwo Borkowicz</u>	<u>SO-IL</u>
<u>Jiri Vala</u>	<u>Modu</u>
<u>Karim El Ouali</u>	<u>Crème Design</u>
<u>Matyas Molnar</u>	<u>Urban Design Forum</u>
<u>Nicolas Borgerhoff</u>	<u>Urban Design Forum</u>
<u>Nicolas Ronchetti</u>	<u>!melk</u>
Hasan Mahdi Al-Salami	
<u>Sam Pladet</u>	<u>Bureau Spectacular</u>
<u>Simen Lambrecht</u>	<u>Urban Design Forum</u>

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NY Hub testimonial

<https://architectuur.kuleuven.be/departementarchitectuur/english/news/news-items/alumni-karim-el-ouali-and-iwo-borkowicz-on-their-ny-hub-internships>



Flanders Traineeship programme

Do you want to do an internship in an international or European institution or organisation? Taking an unpaid internship can be a difficult decision with the accommodation costs weighing on your shoulders.

To alleviate the financial burden, the Government of Flanders offers students the Flanders Trainee Programme.

This subsidy programme gives you the financial boost you need to start your international adventure at, for example, the European Commission, the Council of the EU, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Committee of the Regions, the European Court of Justice and many more! [More info](#)

Paper work

Digitale paperassengids voor al je buitenlandplannen

<https://www.kamiel.info/>

Specifically for non-EEA-students

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/student-services/working-volunteering-career/transition-to-the-job-market/working-non-eea>

More info

KU Leuven Mobility for all

<https://www.kuleuven.be/global/going-abroad/abroad-after-graduation>

Student Career Center

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/student services/working-volunteering-career/index.html>

More info

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