

Position	Patkau Studio Student Intern 2025
Company	Patkau Studio / Patkau Architects
About us	<p>Patkau Architects, founded in 1978 by John and Patricia Patkau, is a Canadian architecture and design research practice led by four principals, two senior associates, and two associates, all supported by a team of architects, designers, and administrative staff.</p> <p>Our portfolio comprises art installations and furniture, houses, medium-scaled community buildings, and major urban buildings. The commitment to the search for 'found potential'—those aspects of place, culture, and its people that can be gathered into an architectural form evocative of locale, circumstance, history, and landscape—is the through-line that distinguishes their work.</p> <p>Patkau Architects also apply the search for found potential to materials themselves, looking for new ways to shape and combine familiar materials to explore new possibilities and applications. A guiding principle in this work is 'material + force = form', where form is simultaneously material, space and structure. Their studio's design lab tests these ideas at full scale, both in-house and in workshops around Vancouver, conducting experiments that inform and inspire their building-scale work.</p> <p>Deriving from this combination of architecture and research, Patkau Studio has emerged as a way to bring their deep fascination with materials, form, and craft into greater focus and accessibility. Art and furniture ideas often emerge concurrently with architectural designs. Each piece develops out of an experimental process by which every detail is considered and refined, the design evolving through making. Their aim is to enrich spaces with elegant and articulate objects that invite visual, tactile, and emotional engagement, all made in-house in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.</p> <p>For more information about us please visit our website at www.patkau.ca</p>
Job Description	<p>We are currently seeking a talented student designer or fabricator for a 6-month contract position with the possibility of extension or conversion to a permanent role (exact start date dependent on candidate availability). The position involves working with the Design Lab Director on the design and production of furniture, promotional materials, and related products. They will also be expected to assist with shop organization and maintenance as well as ad hoc design tasks. Candidates do not need previous experience in an office but should possess knowledge of shop safety and operation.</p>
Ideal Candidate Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional attention to detail and holds high standards for the quality of their work • Experience in the latest digital modeling software an asset, specifically Rhino • Skill with the safe use and operation of shop equipment • Experience in working with wood, metal, leather, textiles, or composites • Ability to work effectively as part of a team or independently with minimal supervision • Excellent time-management skills • Adobe Creative Suite • Photography and image processing
Salary	\$45,760 to \$52,000

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How to apply

In your application materials, please describe your previous experience in the responsibilities listed. Portfolios or work sample images should demonstrate project experience and as well as your design skills. Please contact us by email and provide PDF attachments of your qualifications or provide a link to your documents online. Please provide 2-3 professional references that we may email or phone regarding your previous employment.

We will endeavor to respond to all applicants regarding this position; however, our priority will be to contact select candidates for interviews.