Job Opportunity
Project Architect

About Studio FH
We are a group of passionate architects specialising in the design and implementation of green architecture in East Africa. Our firm is a for-profit organisation but with profit seen as a necessity, secondary to our main purpose. Our primary objective is to spearhead eco-friendly architecture that positively impacts end-users and their surrounding communities. Since our establishment in 2013, we have grown year-on-year to become one of Uganda's leading architectural studios. In 2019, Studio FH became one of the founding members of Localworks, a multi-disciplinary collaborative that offers end-to-end design and build services.

Job Description

Position:	Project Architect
Reports to:	Senior Architects, Principal Architect/Director
Consults with:	Design team, sub-consultants, contractors and suppliers

The Project Architect is responsible for independently running and coordinating up to three projects which ideally are at different stages of design and/or construction. The role usually requires the individual to run a team of architectural assistants by regularly checking and reviewing their output and by pro-actively providing all required conceptual or technical input; for smaller projects, the Project Architect may also be working independently. The role also entails coordinating the work of sub-consultants, by coordinating and checking their output, conducting regular design team meetings and efficiently managing the project programme. For projects under construction, the role tends to be mostly technical in nature, however, at times contract administration services will also be required. The role comes with a fair bit of travel since many of our projects are in remote locations.

The successful applicant should be good at motivating and supporting teams, and be efficient and comfortable in checking and coordinating multi-disciplinary project information. As a mission-driven studio an idealistic mindset, a curious and communicative nature and hands-on creativity are more important to us than the perfect ability to apply predefined technical solutions.

Key Responsibilities
Tasks and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Manage the day to day running of projects at various stages, ensuring high technical quality and consistency with the set design goals;
- Oversee and take part in the preparation of design drawings by the architectural design team and review all sub-consultants' input;
- Prepare and manage the design programme, and ensure adherence to set goals and timely provision of information within the design team;
- Ensure compliance of the design with all relevant regulations, specifications and best practice, and ensure that in-house quality assurance procedures are followed;
- Organise, document and follow up on outcomes of design team and site meetings.

Skills & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Architecture (or similar) with particular interest and experience in 'green architecture', the use of local materials, the application of passive design principles etc.;
- Minimum of five years' experience in design and construction supervision;
- Corporate member of a relevant local or foreign professional body;
- Proficient in Revit, AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, and Microsoft Office;
- Excellent communication skills, the ability to take initiative, to manage and motivate a team, as well as to work well under pressure.

Terms of Employment

The advertised role is a permanent position, with a probation period of six months.
The position is;

- Based in our Nairobi office;
- Full-time (40 hours per week);
- 21 days annual leave;

We offer a locally competitive salary package.

Is this you?

If you think your profile matches many or all of the criteria described above, and if the prospect of being part of a growing team of idealistic and collaborative building designers and builders interests you, then we look forward to hearing from you.

Please send us a your CV, your portfolio, and a link to a max. 5min long video in which you talk about the five following questions;
Based in our Nairobi office;

- Tell us a bit about yourself and your background as a designer.
- What excites you most about architectural design at this stage of your career?
- Walk us through a project you're most proud of, and explain your role in it.
- How do you handle last-minute changes to designs before presenting to the client?
- What about Localworks resonates with you?

Please send your CV and a short explanation on why you would like to become part of Studio FH to opportunities@localworks.eco

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