

Press release

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Foster + Partners leads the way with the Architecture Apprenticeship Trailblazer

Foster + Partners has chaired a Trailblazer Group of 20 architectural practices to create the UK's first Architecture Apprenticeship Standards, in collaboration with RIBA, ARB and over a dozen UK universities. The group has developed two apprenticeship standards: Architectural Assistant, which comprises of Part 1 qualification, and Architect, which includes Part 2 and Part 3 qualifications. Both these standards have now been approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships combine practical experience in the workplace with academic training provided by a university. The academic training can be delivered by any UK university offering an ARB prescribed qualification. Apprentices are exempted from paying tuition fee and will also receive a salary and other employee related benefits.

The apprenticeships have been set up to improve the link between practice and academia, while also contributing to improving diversity in the profession. The approval of the scheme demonstrates how the industry can work together to make a positive contribution in the development of the profession.

A number of universities are expected to be ready to deliver courses in September 2018.

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Notes to editors:

For more information on the two apprenticeship standards visit:

- Architectural Assistant:
<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/architectural-assistant-degree/>
- Architect: **<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/architect-degree/>**

The Architecture Trailblazer Group includes:

- Chair – Foster + Partners
- Lipscomb Jones Architects (Architectural Assistant standard sub-lead)
- Hawkins/Brown (Architect standard sub-lead)
- Seven Architecture (Architectural Assistant assessment sub-lead)
- Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios (Architectural Assistant assessment sub-lead)
- Scott Brownrigg (Architect assessment sub-lead)
- Pollard Thomas Edwards (Architecture Apprenticeships Guide sub-lead)
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