



Harvard University
Graduate School of Design

Dear Career Discovery Students:

The Department of Landscape Architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design is the oldest and most distinguished program of its kind in the United States. The Career Discovery program will introduce you to the foundations of the discipline and invites you to explore new possibilities for the future of constructed landscapes.

Landscape architects design spatial relationships between humans and the environment. This work can take on many forms as it engages ecological, artistic, cultural, and political concerns. Across these realms, there is a pressing need for landscape architects to reframe human relationships to nature in the 21st century, and do so in a way that is critical, optimistic, and forward-looking.

The landscape curriculum will expose you to methods of design *observation*, *experimentation*, and *invention*. Lectures and field trips around greater Boston are intended to reveal and challenge pre-conceived notions of the urban environment. Through workshops and in the studio, we will provide instruction on conventional techniques for design communication and encourage you to test new ways of representing and reconfiguring urban landscapes. Three design exercises, at varied scales, provide a venue for design invention, creative expression, and lively discussion among your peers and the teaching team.

It is a rigorous and fast-paced summer, and you will be supported by three studio instructors who are all talented recent graduates of the landscape architecture program. They will provide invaluable day-to-day support of your creative endeavors and serve as a resource for learning about the discipline. We welcome you to the Career Discovery program, and look forward to meeting you this June.

Sincerely,

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