Job Title: Director of Digital Technology

Firm Name: CO Architects

City: Los Angeles, CA

Salary Range: Commensurate with experience

Benefits: CO Architects is an equal opportunity employer and offers a full range of competitive benefits to employees including: healthcare coverage; a 401K plan and profit sharing; vacation, holiday and sick leave time; a medical flexible spending account; and participation in the firm's performance-based bonus program. CO Architects also offers a firm-sponsored education program to encourage professional training and development.

Job Description: CO Architects is currently seeking a Director of Digital Design + Technology (D3T) to join their interdisciplinary, collaborative practice. This position offers the opportunity to engage in a challenging leadership role within an award-winning practice focused on design and technical excellence, using an evolving digital platform to enhance their work and enable the exploration of novel design solutions.

CO Architects has been recognized as pioneers of Autodesk Revit BIM software, and they are continuing to push the limits of digital design using CATIA. Having adopted a purpose-built approach to digital app development, their knowledge of BIM, VR/AR, digital fabrication, and design computation is distributed throughout the office and embedded in all project processes.

In Brief

We believe this role is a key contributor to delivering the highest value and best outcomes to our clients.

As the leader of digital design and technology, you will be responsible for working with principals, key leaders, and project teams to ensure the continuing growth and success of the firm, including active participation in practice strategy, design evolution, and the development of information, systems, and resources across our digital platform.

You will use your social/communication skills, relationship building, and technical expertise with confidence to drive process innovation, optimization, and digital platform implementation in partnership with our leadership and design technology community.

In this role, you will:

- Work with principals and key leaders to develop and implement strategic technology and innovation plans in support of firmwide objectives, project efficiency, and design innovation.
- Serve as a subject-matter expert on agile digital project delivery, working with project teams.
- Research and evaluate current and emerging digital technologies.
- Coordinate information and knowledge-sharing strategies championed by firm leaders, including implementation on digital platform and publishing to social media, coordinating with the firm's marketing program.
- Lead a team of design technology specialists, including a BIM Manager, computational designers, and digital experience designers (VR/AR). Specific operational responsibilities will include management, coaching, training programs, and digital playbooks, including standards and guidelines, to support the firmwide vision.
- Recognize, develop, and nurture expertise within the design technology team.
- Manage the firm’s digital design app development from design and discovery through implementation and support, to achieve identified design and business outcomes.
- Coordinate with IT to manage technology operations including the firm’s annual technology budget planning and software license management.
Criteria:
CO Architects seeks talented COworkers who can bring new energy and inspiration to the firm. Ideal candidates will be highly motivated, with a background in building design and engineering, as well as experience leading diverse project teams. In addition, candidates should have demonstrated success in developing and leading digital design and technology programs within the AEC environment.

Specific criteria include:
- 8 to 15 years of digital design experience, working in an architectural firm or architectural technology consulting firm. Fabrication experience is preferred.
- Broad proficiency in design and computational computer software: Revit, Grasshopper, Rhino, CATIA.
- Representation of your firm through speaking engagements, hackathons, and industry events.
- Familiarity with app development, scripting, and workflow automation to meet specific design and business goals.
- Experience with the design and delivery process for large, complex architectural projects.
- Proven track record of leadership ability, organization, and communication skills.
- Bachelor’s degree in architectural design or engineering (or equivalent); master’s degree preferred.
- Fluency in English, both written and spoken, is required.
- Current eligibility to work in the USA. Applicants who are not U. S. citizens must describe their status to work in the USA, including details regarding visa type and duration.

Contact Information:

All resumes should be sent to: careers@coarchitects.com

Please include the position you are applying to as well as where you saw the job posting in the subject of your email.

For example: Director of Digital Technology / AIA Los Angeles