

# Don't pursue Architecture.

*wait what? read again!*

If you're taking architecture thinking of a glamorous career, don't pursue Architecture.

If you're taking architecture only because your peers told you to, don't pursue Architecture.

If you're taking architecture only because you can draw and paint, don't pursue Architecture.

If you're taking architecture only for a degree, don't pursue Architecture.

Now that all the reasons to not take up Architecture is away,

*here's why you should pursue Architecture.*

If you wish to solve complex problems creatively, pursue Architecture.

If you believe that the world around you can be improved through design, pursue Architecture.

If you're passionate enough to work tirelessly for your goal, pursue Architecture.

If you have the willingness to accept criticism, pursue Architecture.

If you are interested in multidisciplinary learning, pursue Architecture.

If you have read through all this and made it this far, then pursue Architecture!



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# Who We Are

SEED was established in the year 2018 under the aegis of APJ Abdul Kalam Charitable and Educational Trust. The members of this trust are a heterogeneous mix of architects, entrepreneurs and institution builders all sharing the same passion towards building a centre for excellence in the field of architecture and design.

**SEED** offers a 5-year Bachelor of Architecture course and is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam with a sanctioned intake per year of 80, approved by the Council of Architecture, New Delhi.

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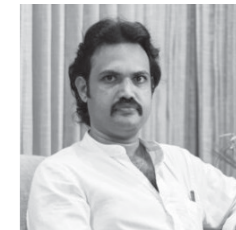
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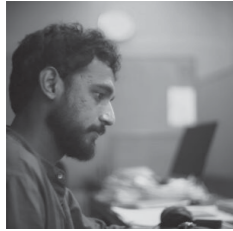
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SEEDRetreat 2024 was the first edition of SEED's attempt to bridge the gap between architectural theory and practice. Unfolding over two days, it was guided and conducted by Dr. A. Srivathsan (CEPT University, Ahmedabad) and Ar. Bijoy Ramachandran (Hundredhands, Bangalore). It saw 27 versatile architectural practitioners immersed in masterclasses and engaged in conversation with the masters, and with each other.



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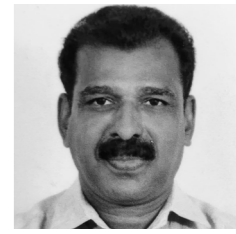
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#### FOLDED PLATE STRUCTURE

As a part of foundation year Seediagonals, students had the opportunity to explore structural systems and gain hands-on experience by constructing them on campus.

# Bachelor of Architecture

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

**Seed's** five-year undergraduate program in Architecture aims to place high emphasis on self-realization and individual centric learning to develop a community of committed and value based professionals. As a design school, **Seed** is committed towards creating an organic space of passion, application and bonhomie while negotiating divergences among individuals and thought processes to build a centre for excellence in all avenues of environmental design. The school firmly believes that it is important for the student to be able to look through multiple perspectives to adopt the most appropriate, ethical and context sensitive design stance.

Therefore, the learning is multidisciplinary and student centric, and offers them exposure to significant thought leaders from multiple fields. The seed program is designed with focus on the emerging dynamics of the industry and the rapidly transforming image of the architect in the contemporary technological society.



# Our Studio Programs

The Seed B Arch course is structured in two stages:

## STAGE 1 - Building Core Competencies

The first 3 academic years / 6 semesters (of approximately 16 working weeks each of the course) shall be a basic standard course

### Sem 1-2. Foundation Studio:

Exploration of ways of seeing, understanding and interpreting objects, places and events, learning to look beyond the obvious, into the unseen and often absurd qualities of things.

Understand and employ the conventions of architectural drawing systems, including plans, sections, elevations, diagrams, three-dimensional representations, renderings and animations.

### Sem 4. Land Building Studio:

Learning to refine architecture and its interaction with landscape through consideration of spatial organisation, environmental context and structural necessity. Landscape is seen as a part of the larger continuum.

### Sem 6. Material Detailing Studio:

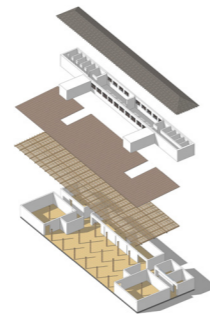
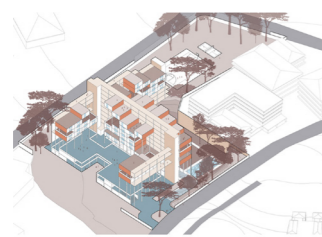
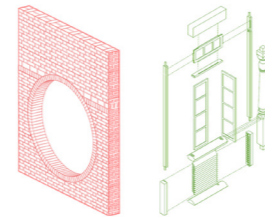
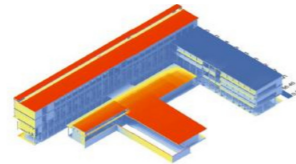
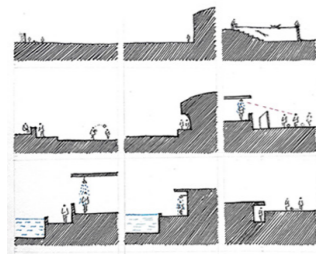
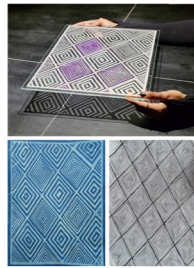
Bridging the gap between academics and construction practices. Development in architectural design through the exploration of materials, structures, construction, and environmental modification that is integrated with programmatic detail within a building design.

### Sem 3. Space Making Studio:

Investigation into the fundamental principles of making of buildings, including structure, enclosure, circulation and program. The ability to draw inspiration from a broad body of knowledge. Incorporation of abstract thinking and abstraction within architectural production.

### Sem 5. Climate Responsive Studio:

The studio intends to develop climate consciousness through purely analog methods such that design intuition about elements of nature is safeguarded. The studio then moves through rigorous testing methods in the climate lab following which they are fine-tuned, and its climate responsiveness quantitatively analyzed through digital techniques.





# Our Studio Programs

The seed B Arch course is conducted in two stages:

## STAGE 2 - Specialization

The second stage of the course shall be of 2 academic years / 4 semesters (of approximately 16 working weeks each) including an internship semester

### Sem 7. Housing Studio:

This studio mainly focuses on reading architecture with the larger context and various social concerns through the aspect of housing. The studio addresses the role of housing in determining urban transformations in the city, and architecture as a means of improving the urban living environment on a community and an individual level.

### Sem 8. Internship:

Offers orientation under a practicing architect, which includes preparation of conceptual design, presentations, client meetings, working drawings, tendering process, site supervision and execution. Negotiation is a crucial part of the design profession, and internships offer the student a glimpse into the existing reality of design practice, making them better equipped to tackle the upcoming design studios and practice as a career.

### Sem 9. Urbanism:

Familiarising the students with urban design vocabulary. Exposing them to complexities of architectural interventions in urban settings, which include anthropological and sociological aspects, the built-unbuilt relations, urban guidelines and regulations, and contextual concerns such as that of climate and building materials.

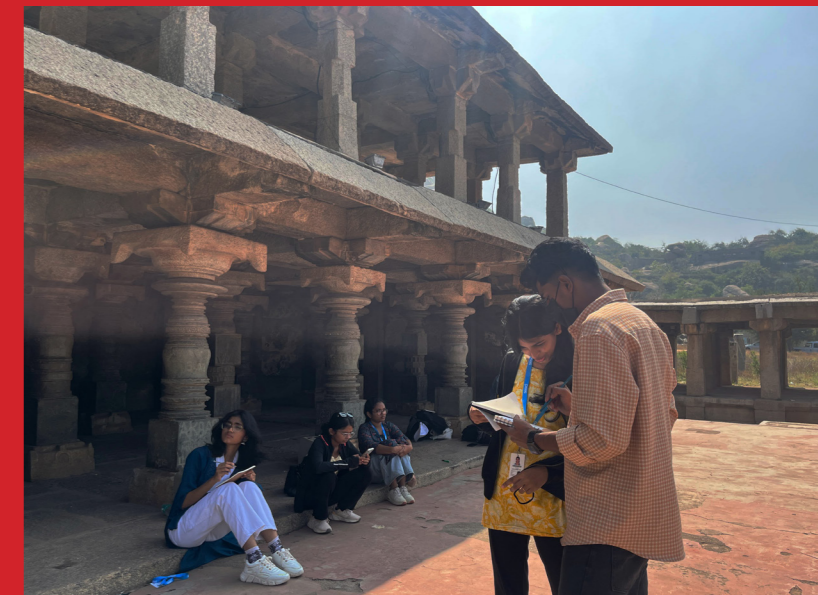
### Sem 10. Thesis:

The Graduation Project is central to the School's pedagogy and a lot of care is given to the way this is structured. Each preceding semester is seen as a stepping stone towards this final flourish. Students are encouraged to conceive innovative projects across a wide spectrum of thoughts and ideas. Experienced and accomplished faculty with versatile design approaches are assigned the responsibility of guiding the students. This opens up possibilities of exchanges of ideas between mentees.

## TENSILE STRUCTURE

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# seed study trips



## Sem 1&2. Foundaton Studio - Hampi & Badami

As part of the Foundation Studio curriculum, a Related Study Programme (RSP) is conducted at the beginning of Semester 2. This programme focuses on fieldwork that involves understanding the existing context and architecture, and documenting it through the technique of measured drawings. Students are taught to observe their surroundings closely, analyze architectural details, and apply anthropometric principles to grasp the scale and proportions of structures. The process of measurement and documentation enhances their understanding of architectural space and design. The study typically lasts between 7 to 14 days. In January 2025, first-year students traveled to Hampi, Karnataka where they studied ancient structures, and visited the settlements in Badami, Karnataka.



**Sem 9. Urban Design Studio - Vietnam**

As part of the studio curriculum, a study trip to Vietnam was conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Here, students observed active water edges in the rural setting of Cai Be, peri-urban Can Tho, and urban Ho Chi Minh City. The trip included guided tours of housing projects by anthropologist Mr. Heiu from Architecture Excursions. Ar. Marco Buinhas, EnCity and Dr. Vu Viet Anh, University of Architecture Ho Chi Minh City's Department of Planning Architecture also delivered lectures as part of this trip.

**Sem 7. Housing Studio - Singapore**

The studio questions how housing can evolve to absorb both the individual and collective needs of urban living, while simultaneously creating a framework for the community at the micro and macro levels. With this intention, a curated study trip was organised to Singapore from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. The objective was to learn about exemplary building practices that focus on a high rise, high density, sustainable method of construction, where a definitive gesture is made towards creating demographic and pedestrian friendly public spaces within the city.

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**Seedgeist** is the annual festival of Seed, an amalgamation of all our flagship programs. Exhibitions, workshops, guest lectures, publications and products are all designed and developed by students of Seed.



## seedscape:

Seedscape is the annual exhibition showcasing the exceptional work of Seed community. All the past five editions of Seedscape were well attended, and have consistently featured some of the most important architects from the contemporary Indian Architectural scene, making it a highly anticipated event. Opening its doors to the general public, the exhibition underscores Seed's commitment to engaging with a wider audience, viewing this interaction as pivotal for the school's continued growth and development.







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The first of the “Tomorrow is Now” talk series was conducted on June 24, 2024, at the Le Meridian Hotel, Kochi. We kicked off the event with a lecture by the eminent 2014 Pritzker Laureate, Ar. Shigeru Ban. The event was a huge success, with over 1,000 attendees. Ar. Ban’s intriguing presentation took us through his projects, showcasing innovative construction techniques and sustainable solutions. It was truly insightful to learn from the man himself. At Seed, we aim to continue this lecture series, bringing the best minds to this part of the world. We believe it is our duty as an institution to give back to the society.







### seediagonals:

Seediagonals is a semester break school hosted by Seed. It offers additional certification courses for students and young graduates of architecture to improve their skill sets and expand their knowledge of multiple aspects of architecture, design and allied subjects.

### seedialogues:

Seedialogues launched in 2020 as a platform with a vision to connect with a spectrum of stakeholders, and engage in lively debates and critical discourse on issues in architectural theory and practice. Seedialogues seeks to inspire transformative thinking, and shape future architectural discourse in a collective and inclusive manner.

### seedtrack:

The Inter-College Sports Meet, SeedTrack, is a highly anticipated event that showcases the skills and talents of young athletes while promoting healthy competition and teamwork. From athletics to football, throw-ball, volleyball, cricket there is something for everyone in this exciting sports event.

### seedtalks

SeedTalks is a captivating series of discussions led by experts across disciplines of architecture, art, and design. These enriching dialogues help participants gain a deeper understanding of the interconnected nature of these disciplines, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and innovation.





# Campus Facilities

- Well designed campus nestled in a verdant landscape, with state-of-the-art studios
- Versatile faculty team with the right mix of practicing architects, experienced academicians and researchers
- Multiple workshop opportunities for immersive hands-on experience
- Well-equipped library and computer lab
- Fully residential campus that is open 24x7
- Ragging-free campus with a dedicated sports coach
- Well-appointed cafeteria and residential mess facility
- Fully operational exhibition gallery dedicated for student works
- Vibrant campus life bustling with activities led by Students' Council

# Admission 2025

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Discover your true potential in architecture at **seed**. Our B. Arch program is designed to nurture creativity, impart technical expertise and a deep understanding of architectural principles. Join a community of aspiring architects guided by experienced faculty, and unleash your potential in a state-of-the-art learning environment. Seize the opportunity to shape the future of design. Apply for B. Arch admission 2025 at Seed today!

Total seats : 80

Total seats under management / NRI category : 40

Total seats under merit : 40

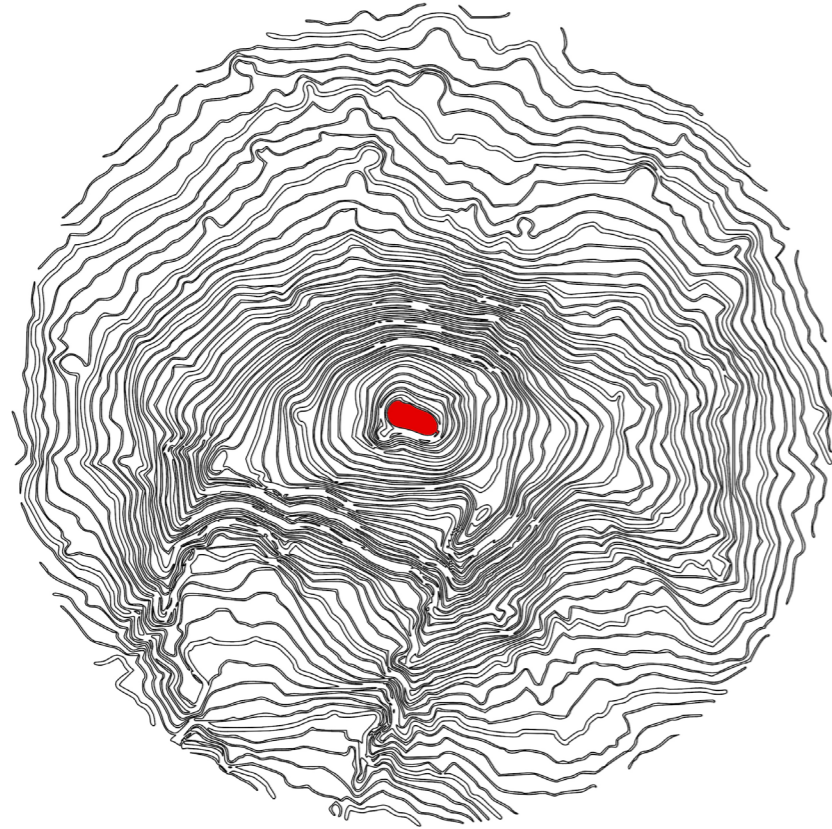
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#### **Criteria for admissions under management and NRI category :**

All candidates who have:

- 1) Passed in 12<sup>th</sup> Class with PCM Subjects/ 10+3 Diploma with Mathematics.\*
- 2) Qualified NATA – The National Aptitude Test in Architecture conducted by the Council of Architecture.\*\*
- 3) Completed 17 years of age as of the last date of submission of the Application form.

Both of the above shall carry 50% weightage in the matter of admissions. However, admission to management seat shall be strictly on merit and based on the student's performance in the Seed Entrant Evaluation [SEE] process.



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