

Career Corner

Shape Your Future: Become A Landscape Architect

(NAPSA)—If you have designs on a career that lets you earn money for creating beauty, here's news it may pay to learn: According to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, landscape architecture—the comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation and rehabilitation—is the fastest growing of all the design professions. What's more, that growth isn't expected to peak anytime soon. Demand for landscape architecture services is projected to expand by double digits over the next several years.

Landscape architecture is a leading “green collar” job, and U.S. News & World Report named the profession among the best career choices last year.

The Money

The average salary and bonus for landscape architects is nearly \$79,000, with those just starting their careers making in excess of \$48,000. Professionals entering the field typically hold either a bachelor's or master's degree in landscape architecture.

The Opportunities

Landscape architects work with architects, city planners, civil engineers and other professionals and play an important role in environmental protection by designing and implementing projects that respect both the needs of people and of the environment. Career opportunities include the development and preservation of open spaces, recreation areas, wildlife refuges, zoos, parks, golf courses and transportation systems.



You can earn a lot of green with the aesthetically fulfilling “green collar” career of a landscape architect.

Residential work continues to be the largest landscape architecture market, with most of that done for single-family homes. Commercial and industrial design is the second-largest market, followed by parks and recreation.

The Field

With only 30,000 landscape architects currently in the U.S. and the sustained growth in demand for their services, there are major opportunities for anyone considering entering the profession, say the experts at the American Society of Landscape Architects. Educational opportunities for landscape architecture students abound. There are 64 colleges in the United States with accredited undergraduate programs and many scholarship programs available for those considering the field.

Learn More

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