

# Vedant Acharya, Assoc. AIA

URBAN DESIGNER/ ARCHITECT – Urban Design, Master planning, Framework, Visualization

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Urban Designer and Architect with professional experience in urban design and master planning for large-scale government and tourism projects in India, and current graduate training at UC Berkeley. Demonstrated expertise in 3D visualization, conceptual design, and presentation development supporting master plans, corridors, and waterfront projects. Experience spanning professional practice and academic research.

## EDUCATION

### Master of Urban Design (MUD)

University of California

June 2025 – May 2026

Berkeley, CA, USA

### Bachelor of Architecture

MIT School of Architecture, MIT-ADT University

Aug 2017 - May 2022

Pune, India

## PUBLIC LIFE RESEARCH & FIELDWORK (Volunteer)

### Union Square / Powell Street PSPL Study

Gehl Studio | San Francisco, CA | Oct 2025

- Participated in structured Public Space/Public Life (PSPL) field surveys across Union Square, Powell Street, and Maiden Lane.
- Collected behavioral and pedestrian activity data supporting Downtown Vibrancy Index analysis.

### Sunset Dunes Public Space/Public Life Study

SF Recs & Park Dept. × Urban Field Studio | San Francisco, CA | Nov 2025

- Conducted in-field Public Space/Public Life (PSPL) surveys documenting public space use, movement patterns, and user behavior.
- Contributed to observational data collection informing long-term planning improvements for a 2-mile, 50-acre coastal park.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Architect / Architectural Designer

INI Design Studio

Nov 2022 – April 2025

Ahmedabad, India

- Led urban design for large-scale corridor projects, **prioritizing pedestrian accessibility and community-focused public realm strategies** across India.
- Advanced conceptual schemes through iterative design development and integrated infrastructure with **user-centric circulation frameworks** and public space networks to enhance the visitor experience.
- Coordinated with internal multidisciplinary teams including planners, landscape designers, and engineers to integrate infrastructure and land use components.
- Developed multiple design alternatives and presentation packages for client reviews and bid submissions.
- Progressively assumed greater responsibility across projects, transitioning from design support to leading visualization and concept development efforts.

### Architectural Intern

INI Design Studio

July 2021 – Dec 2021

Ahmedabad, India

- Contributed to design drafts, 3D models, and visualizations for large-scale architectural and urban projects.
- Supported design concept development and presentation preparation in collaboration with project teams.
- Assisted with technical drawings alongside conceptual and visualization work.

## PROJECTS

### Ambaji Corridor Masterplan

Tourism Infrastructure & Public Realm, Gujarat

- Contributed to master planning of a major pilgrimage and transit corridor, integrating mobility infrastructure, public space networks, and visitor-oriented programming & supported design development and presentation materials for government stakeholders.
- Led conceptual design development and 3D visualization of corridor-scale spatial strategies and public realm interventions.

### Dharoi Dam Tourism Masterplan

Regional Tourism & Landscape Framework, Gujarat

- Developed thematic spatial frameworks to position Dharoi Dam and surrounding assets as an integrated tourism destination.
- Contributed to land use planning, visitor circulation strategies, and experiential design concepts across waterfront and landscape zones.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC & COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **1st Place – Urban Plan “Got Talent” Competition, (Elmwood District)** - Team of 7 - [HERE](#) **Urban Land Institute | Feb 2026**
- **Advanced Urban Design Studio – Cloverdale Civic Framework** **Cloverdale, CA**
- **Thesis: Neuro-Urbanism & Community Healing (Eaton Fire Affected) Cognitive Health & Urban Form** **Altadena, CA**
- **ULI Hines Student Competition** - Team of 5 **Urban Land Institute | Jan 2026**

## SKILLS

**Core Skills:** Urban Design, Urban Design Strategy, Master Planning, Urban Framework Development, Public Realm Design, Design Research & Fieldwork, Pedestrian Connectivity, Corridor and Waterfront Design, Tourism-Led Development, Conceptual Design Development Communication, Leadership, 3D Visualization, Urban and Architectural Rendering, Design Presentations, Concept Graphics

**Digital & Technical Tools: Proficient:** AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign), Lumion, MS-Office,

**Intermediate:** GIS, Civil 3D, Blender, Rhino, Grasshopper, Vray, Revit, Enscape

**Interests:** Hobbies Photography, 3D Visualization, Cooking, Architectural Illustrations

## AWARDS AND HONORS

**Top 10 – Street for People Competition, Published Photography Book – Rajasthan, 2nd Place – University Kiosk Design Competition, 3rd Place – Online Photography Competition**