THE PHD IN DESIGN AND PLANNING DEGREE

The PhD in Design and Planning at the University of Colorado Denver is a research-oriented degree offered by the College of Architecture and Planning (CAP). Initiated in 1997, the program is dedicated to the education of future architects, landscape architects, and urban planners who are intellectual leaders, and have a critical understanding of the social, political, and global conditions that influence their profession.

CAREER PATHS OF GRADUATES

This degree is for those seeking a career in research and teaching or in roles in government or professional consultation, all of which require a research specialization. Graduates of the program have gone on to faculty positions at universities, post-doctoral work, and into private consulting, non-profit organizations, and the federal government.

WHY CHOOSE CU DENVER?

Students can take advantage of resources in all departments in the college, as well as in the university as a whole. The program is a unique collaboration in which students may choose to focus in Architecture, Planning, or Landscape Architecture, or any combination of these disciplines. The main mission of the program is to provide a foundation for scholarship in planning and design drawing from scientific, critical, historical, and creative modes of inquiry.

EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Graduates of this program hold teaching positions at the universities of Colorado, Idaho, Southern Maine, Washington, Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus, Portland State University, and at University of King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang in Bangkok, Thailand, Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia, and King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Graduates have also gone to work for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, non-profit policy centers, and serve on the Board of Directors for Denver’s Regional Transportation District (RTD).

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