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non-ATS, visual CV is available after initial screening

Profile

Second-year MArch student at Manchester School of Architecture, graduating in summer 2027, and top-ranked architecture graduate of Yaşar University. Experience spans concept design, technical documentation, visualisation and site supervision on projects in Türkiye, the USA and Uganda. Independently designed and delivered a personal training studio in İzmir, from concept through construction drawings and on-site supervision. Combines competition design experience with research in computational modelling and digital fabrication. Seeking a Part 2 Architectural Assistant role after graduation, bringing a thoughtful design approach and practical experience of translating ideas into built spaces.

Professional Experience

Project stages below indicate equivalent RIBA Plan of Work experience.

Studio Evren Başbuğ Architects

Freelance Architectural Designer | Project-based, 2025–2026

Project experience: 2 projects — 1 across Stages 0–3; 1 at Stage 2.

- Produced 3D models, renders and presentation boards for a national architectural competition and a confidential corporate project.

Software: SketchUp, D5 Render

Independent Practice · İzmir, Türkiye

Architectural Designer — Move 2 Max Studio (M2M) | Completed 2025

Project experience: 1 completed personal training studio — Stages 0–7.

- Designed the studio from concept through construction drawings and on-site supervision, accommodating up to three trainers and individual or small-group sessions.
- Developed the spatial layout and material palette for training areas, reception, a reformer Pilates room and changing facilities.

Software: Revit, AutoCAD, D5 Render, Adobe Creative Suite

Ofisvesaire · İzmir, Türkiye

Architectural Designer | Jul 2024–Sep 2025

Project experience across both roles: 6 projects — 2 across Stages 0–3; 1 each across Stages 0–4, 2–4, 0–7 and 5–7.

- Developed concepts, 3D models, architectural drawings and visual presentations for international commissions and competition proposals.
- Prepared material specifications, detail drawings and fit-out documentation for projects in Türkiye, the USA and Uganda.
- Supported site supervision, reviewing architectural details, materials and finishes; participated in client meetings and project presentations.

Software: Revit, AutoCAD, SketchUp, D5 Render, Adobe Creative Suite

Part-Time Architectural Assistant | Feb–Jul 2024

- Supported the team across architectural projects, presentation materials and public relations while completing the final year of undergraduate study.

Software: AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe Creative Suite

Studio Evren Başbuğ Architects · İzmir, Türkiye

Architectural Intern | May–Sep 2023

Project experience: 4 projects — 1 each across Stages 0–3, 1–3, 3–4 and 2–4; plus presentation graphics for 1 additional project.

- Supported competition research, architectural drafting and 3D modelling across civic, industrial and infrastructure projects.
- Produced renders, presentation graphics and 3D-printed models; assisted with cost analysis for an archaeological site visitor centre.

Software: SketchUp, AutoCAD, Adobe Creative Suite, Lumion

Research And Site Experience

Yaşar University · Research Assistant | 2022–2023

Supported two doctoral researchers studying kinetic façade systems under Prof. Dr. Yenal Akgün, assisting with 3D computational modelling and 3D printing.

Software: Rhino, Grasshopper, PrusaSlicer

Megapol İzmir · Construction Site Intern | Summer 2022

Supported the supervising firm's site team with inspections during structural and finishing works.

Software: AutoCAD

Education

Manchester School of Architecture | 2025–Present

Master of Architecture (MArch), Year 2 · Expected graduation: Summer 2027

Year 1 average: 78/100

Yaşar University · Bachelor of Architecture | 2019–2024

GPA: 3.51/4.00 · Ranked 1st in the Department and 2nd in the Faculty of Architecture.

Four-year degree taught in English, plus a one-year English preparatory programme.

Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP) | Winter 2023–2024

Erasmus+ exchange · Six months · GPA: 4.00/4.00

Awards

Best Overall Performance · AHR Vic Basil Professional Studies Prize, 2026

First Prize · MAKE Architects / Future Spaces Foundation Student Design Competition, 2025

Community's Choice Award · Florence Hills Architecture Competition, 2025

Honourable Mention · Kingspan Microhome Competition, 9th Edition, 2025

Honourable Mention · Reusing Rooftops Barcelona Competition, 2024

First Prize · ZT Awards National Student Architectural Design Competition, 2024

Third Prize · ERKUT 1935 Entrance Spaces National Student Ideas Competition, 2024

Best Student Project · Golden Roublik (GoRo) Award, ARCHIP, Winter 2023–2024

Second Prize · Kartalkaya Mountain Hotel, Ski (Nature) Youth Center Student Idea Competition, 2023

Publication

Kalfa, G., et al. (2025). Learning from Failure: Hybrid Fabrication of a Gridshell Canopy Structure Using Timber Battens and 3D Printers. *Architecture, Civil Engineering, Environment*, 18(1), 143–160.

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Certifications And Professional Development

Autodesk Revit Architecture Certified User · Jun 2026

Autodesk AutoCAD Certified User · Jun 2026

Adobe Certified Professional in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop · Jun 2026

RIBA CPD: AI in Architecture · Dec 2025

Technical Skills

Design and modelling: Revit, AutoCAD, Archicad, Rhino, Grasshopper, SketchUp

Visualisation and fabrication: Twinmotion, D5 Render, Lumion

Graphics: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro

Volunteering And Leadership

Student Ambassador · ArchDaily Student Ambassador Program | 2026–Present

Student Representative · Chamber of Architects, “Çatıdakiler” | 2021–2024

Volunteer · Shigeru Ban Paper Tube Partition Shelters | Feb 2023

Responsible for paper tube punching for earthquake relief shelter components.

Vice President · Architecture and Design Community | 2021–2023

Languages

Turkish — Native | English — Fluent