



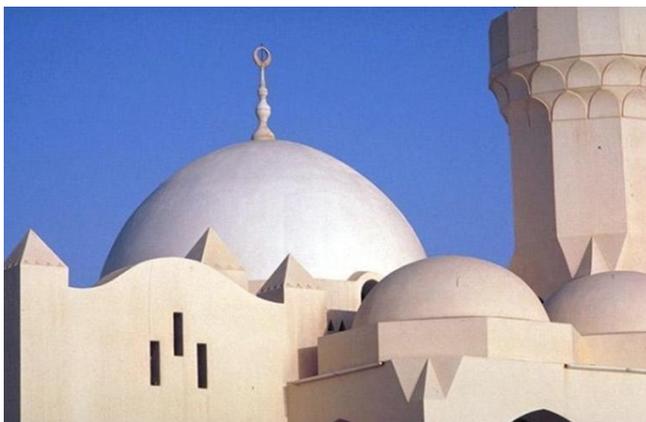
An Apprenticeship with Abdel-Wahed El-Wakil

Open Call for Applications

INTBAU Qatar and Caravane Earth Foundation are pleased to announce an opportunity for an architectural apprenticeship, which will involve learning and working alongside Professor Abdel-Wahed El-Wakil. Born in Egypt and having practised throughout the Middle East, El-Wakil is known worldwide for his use of traditional form and technique, his use of the materials beneath his feet, and his deep veneration for local craftsmanship. El-Wakil's projects in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Lebanon, and the UK have earned him, amongst others, the Aga Khan Award for Architecture and the Richard H. Driehaus Prize.

“To abandon tradition, to disregard the achievements and models of the past and to be caught up in the trauma of change means to be incapable of handling the new.”

Abdel-Wahed El-Wakil



Corniche Mosque, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (left); Halawa House, Agamy Beach, Egypt (right).

Candidate Specification

In its true and ancient sense, an apprenticeship is an opportunity to learn through observation and practice, with apprentices giving of themselves to receive knowledge acquired over years of practice and handed down from generation to generation.

Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate the following three things.

1. an interest in going beyond technical detail, to understand the philosophy and wider narrative of building
2. an understanding of natural materials, and through them an engagement with craft and craftspeople
3. knowledge of geometry as a language that underpins design

Practical Information

Where will the apprenticeship take place?	The apprentice will be based where Professor El-Wakil is based. At present, Professor El-Wakil divides his time between the UK and Qatar.
Will accommodation be provided?	Yes.
Is the apprenticeship paid, or unpaid?	The apprentice will be paid a monthly stipend of not more than \$2,000 US. Applicants should be aware that this apprenticeship is a very significant opportunity for learning and career progression, and not a job in the sense of typical paid employment.
Will there be an allowance for travel costs for visits home during the apprenticeship?	The cost of one return ticket will be covered. The cost of travel associated with the apprenticeship will be covered. The apprentice will be responsible for all other personal travel costs.
What is the duration of the apprenticeship?	Applicants should be able to commit 3-5 years, full-time.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should complete the application form and submit it along with the attachments outlined on the form. Applications should be sent to i.mouawad@caravane.earth by 31 January 2023.

The same email address can be used for any questions.