


CONFLUENCE
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Institute for
Innovation and
Creative Strategies
in Architecture

RIBA 

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
OF ARCHITECTURE

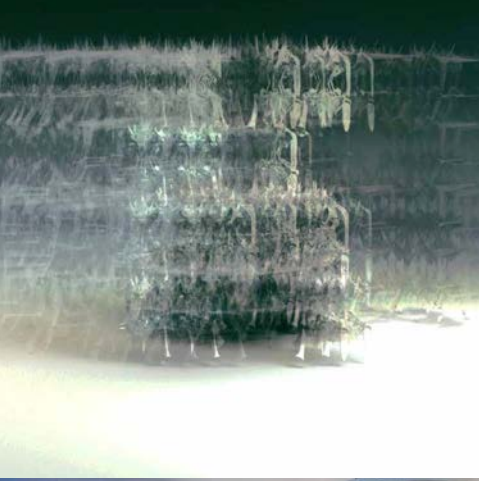
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Founded in 2014, Confluence is the **first international architecture school in France**. Its ambition is to reveal the talents of its students by promoting **teaching based on practice, experimentation, creativity and free expression**.

Rather than formatting students, **its innovative pedagogical approach adapts to today's youth** and gives them the keys to become true **entrepreneurs of architecture**.

**SHAKING UP HIGHER EDUCATION AND
BREAKING WITH CONVENTION
THROUGH ALTERNATIVE PEDAGOGY**



CONFLUENCE VALUES

OFFER AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

- Teaching mainly in English and French
- 80% foreign students
- Supervisors from all over the world

Working in a multicultural environment, you'll open up to the world and broaden your horizons.

FOSTERING COOPERATION

- A vertical, tierless approach

You get together with students from all years to learn from each other and make rapid progress.

ENHANCING PRACTICE

- A project-based approach with one objective per week, regardless of the discipline covered
- 4 compulsory internships during the curriculum

You'll experiment, find solutions and develop concrete skills thanks to the hands-on approach at the heart of our teaching.

STIMULATING CREATION

- No limits on means of expression: experimentation and innovation are the order of the day; anything is possible!

You dabble in everything to explore, find your way, evolve and, above all, discover yourself.

PROMOTE PROXIMITY BETWEEN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

- Proximity to teachers
- Ambiance informelle

You'll have the means to blossom and easily build a network, thanks to a school on a human scale and open, accessible lecturers.

CONFLUENCE VALUES

MULTIPLYING POINTS OF VIEW

- Between 8 and 10 different teachers each semester, that's 50 personalities with you during the first cycle.
- Speakers from a wide range of disciplines to bring together different visions, ways of thinking and doing, and touch on a multitude of fields.

You'll discover different approaches and environments to enhance your agility, thinking skills, speed of action and initiative.

EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES

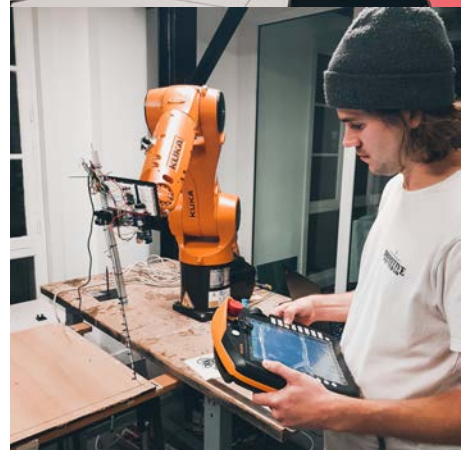
- Access to cutting-edge technologies (fablab with 3D printers, robotic arm, laser cutter, CNC, etc.)
- Proficiency in a wide range of software and digital tools
- Developing your own language with AI

You'll learn how to harness new technologies to support your ideas, your projects and your creative process.

YOU'RE IN CONTROL

- A high degree of autonomy in work and projects
- A personalized, tailor-made course
- One office per student and a school accessible 24/7

You evolve at your own pace and build your own direction as you go along, learning to organize yourself and work independently and autonomously, following your interests and passions.



A TYPICAL WEEK AT CONFLUENCE

There's no such thing as a typical week at Confluence - no two are alike! Every Monday, you meet a new supervisor who will explain **the objectives and expectations for the week**. This is the person who will define what you have to achieve by the end of the week.

The week is punctuated by a large number of assignments - around one a day - and **daily meetings with the teacher** to ensure rapid evolution of your project.

Depending on the type of work, the discipline addressed by the tutor and the general theme of the semester, the week may also be punctuated by **lectures**, organized **outings**, **tutorials** aimed at introducing new tools... All this should enable you to enrich your projects and learn new skills. **There's also plenty of room for autonomy, experimentation and research**, to give free rein to your **creativity**.

The week **closes with a presentation**, during which you are required to present your project in public. Assessment is continuous, with a **mid-semester review of your progress**.



It's 80% practice and 20% theory. It's one project after another, no matter what you're working on.

Vénus, 2nd year



Semester fall 2021

“The Sea, the future of the Earth”

- Navale Architecture
- Designing a utopian island
- Design of objects related to ocean life

Semester fall 2023

“Rebuilding Ukraine's cities”

- Climate analysis
- Historical analysis of cities
- Creation of temporary spaces or elements to reflect on the impact of residents and their behavior.

Semester spring 2024

“Living together”

- Urban utopias
- Designing a city for the 21st century
- Introduction to anthropology
- Climate and resource analysis

WHAT'S THE CURRICULUM LIKE?

- **First cycle:** 3 years, leading to **RIBA PART 1 / Architecture Confluence Degree Level A**
- **Second cycle:** 2 years, leading to **RIBA PART 2 / Architecture Confluence Degree Level B**

The first 4 years

are all divided into 2 semesters. Each semester lasts 15 weeks and is guided by a **general theme**, different each time. It is structured as follows:

1 STUDIO

8 weeks to develop a project related to the semester's theme

3 SEMINARS

aimed at **providing knowledge** to feed the subject developed in the studio

1 CMS* MODULE

**Creative Maker Space*

Digital manufacturing workshop using new technologies and digital tools

3 WORKSHOPS

3 intensive workshops led by experts in architecture or other disciplines, with tutorials explaining practical tools and methods

The 5th year

consists of an **independent individual project** with weekly supervision by a tutor. The choice of research field and subject is up to you.

Your diploma is validated when you present your project.

8 months of internship

INTERNSHIP 1

CONSTRUCTION

1 month

INTERNSHIP 2

ARCHITECTURE FIRM

2 months

INTERNSHIP 3

COMPANY (OUT OF ARCHI)

1 month

INTERNSHIP 4

ARCHITECTURE FIRM

4 months

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First cycle

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Second cycle

AT CONFLUENCE, YOU'LL LEARN TO THINK, CREATE AND ACT THROUGH ARCHITECTURE

At Confluence, you'll be able to think freely, so you can **adapt** to our fast-changing society. By the time you leave school, you'll be **autonomous** and capable of proposing **concrete solutions** to build **tomorrow's world**.

And you, will you dare to think outside the box?

“ We're really taught to think, not to apply. ”

Pierre, 3rd year

QUESTIONS / ANSWERS



What are the prerequisites for applying?

You can enter Cycle 1 **after high school**, regardless of the course of study or specialization.

How does admission work?

Les détails du formulaire de candidature sont disponibles à l'adresse suivante : <https://www.confluence.eu/eligibilite/>

How much does the Confluence curriculum cost?

Each year of study costs **11,600 euros**.

Where can I work with diplomas issued by Confluence?

There is a wide range of career opportunities.

With the RIBA Part I diploma, you can **continue your studies in art, architecture, design...** You can also **enter the professional world** by joining architecture, landscape, design, scenography or interior architecture studios...

With the RIBA Part II diploma, you can **become an architect, urban planner, landscape designer, interior designer, scenographer**, as well as a **teacher, researcher, journalist, art director...** You can also **continue your studies in a Post-Master's or Doctorate program.**