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—James P. Cramer

Not every great program makes it to the top of academic rankings.

One fact we would not deny with regard to the *DesignIntelligence* architecture and design school rankings is that they are imperfect, as any ranking of schools would be. Of particular note is that every year, some laudable programs are not on the top of the lists. This can happen for a number of reasons.

Some programs are new; therefore, their graduates are relatively “untested” by professional firms, which make up the voting body for these rankings. Some programs are small, turning out a number of graduates each year that may be statistically insignificant compared to those that send out dozens of grads into the working world each year.

Nevertheless, some of these unranked programs are doing incredible things, pushing

the boundaries of education innovation, partnering with private firms in enterprising new ways, and developing the next generation of design thought leaders.

For the first time in *DesignIntelligence*, we recognize the following programs in a subjective category we call hidden gems. Their selection here is based solely on the experience and opinions of *DesignIntelligence* and Greenway Group staff, who have occasion to communicate with hundreds of design hiring professionals and meet with dozens of academic leaders over the course of a year.

Because *DesignIntelligence* does not rank programs outside the United States, we also present a handful of jewels in Canada and globally.

Hidden Gems of Architecture Education

Cooper Union
Montana State University
Tulane University
University of Arkansas
University of Minnesota

Hidden Gems of Landscape Architecture Education

SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
University of Arizona
University of Illinois
University of Kentucky
University of Oregon

Hidden Gems of Industrial Design Education

Parsons School of Design
Philadelphia University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
University of Kansas
Western Washington University

Hidden Gems of Canadian Architecture Education

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta

Hidden Gems of Interior Design Education

Bard Graduate Center
Boston Architectural College
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of North Texas
Virginia Commonwealth University

Hidden Gems of Global Architecture Education

IE University, Madrid, Spain
Tongji University, Shanghai, China
University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K.
University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia