

Dear Sir / Madam

My name is Abdul Rahman Kadkhoda Salehi, 33 years old from Iran. Having read the call for **IE Architecture Competition**, I found myself highly interested to achieve my lifelong goal of studying at one of the best universities in the world through participating in this competition. I'd like to guarantee my career **future** and be a **helpful** for the society needing my knowledge and expertise.

I graduated with a bachelor degree in architectural engineering from Payam-e Noor University in February 2011. After a few years I managed to finish my master's degree with top scores in architecture from Islamic Azad University, Mahabad, in 2017. During my educational career, I have managed to write a **book** and translate another by focusing on the design of educational spaces; both are going to be published soon. The main reasons behind my tendency for focusing on the design of educational spaces were the weakness existing in the **educational system** and the shortage of experts working on designing creative spaces for students. Unfortunately, one of the most crucial educational institutions nurturing the future generation is not creativity-focused; the architecture of its spaces is still reproduced throughout the country with the similar typology without considering the local, cultural, and architectural values. Thus, I've attempted to study and analyze different educational systems so that I will help the reform of the educational system through promoting the quality of architectural spaces. Thus, my MS thesis was researching and studying in this regard.

In these ten years, I have acquired lots of necessary skill for understanding, designing, and implementing the projects. For example, I have progressed through participating at numerous architectural competitions and achieving top rankings. Moreover, I have managed to learn the new aspects of architecture design process and work with different software that have been commonly ignored by universities. Leading a team of architects at an architectural office and managing the design and cooperating with colleagues are among the aspects I have managed to acquire. Thus, I have found studying design and architecture management to be extremely essential, so that I will **make myself** highly skillful by understanding different factors affecting architecture including economy, idea evaluation, process understanding, conversion of threats to

opportunities, the right method of dealing with customers; I have made my ideas practical in a principled and practical way to change the world surrounding me.

One of the projects I started after the devastating **earthquake** that occurred in **Kermanshah** on the 21st of November, 2017 was designing **modular houses** for accommodating in hard conditions; I **lost** lots of my fellow countrymen in this heartbreaking event, and I had to find a way to accommodate the injured people after the earthquake. Thus, within a short time, I managed to be ranked **first** in a competition called Tiny House among **88 countries** through design planning and management. It is my duty to react to people's problems and natural disasters, so that I will take a step toward the public interest.

Moreover, as far as I know, most of the prominent architects I have been following in the past few years have been **guests** at **your** university. Thus I was even more motivated to acquire a seat at the University of IE. I was greatly inspired by **Rosan Bosch** in doing my thesis. I **can't** wait being a student in her classes. This path is definitely my future, and **no one** can take my place. I can change the world around me, and I will bring honor to both the university and my colleagues.

Yours respectfully

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