

NIKITA CHATWIN

Intern Landscape Architect (BCSLA) | Whistler, BC

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Intern Landscape Architect with nearly five years of professional experience at McElhanney, one of BC's leading multidisciplinary engineering and consulting firms. Based in Whistler, with deep roots in the Sea-to-Sky corridor and a proven track record delivering public realm, municipal infrastructure, resort, and Indigenous community projects across BC and Alberta.

I bring particular strength in concept development, 3D visualization and rendering, grading and drainage design, construction documentation, and cross-disciplinary collaboration with civil, transportation, and electrical engineers. My previous background in sales, teaching, and BC's outdoor industry gives me strong client communication skills and an instinct for place-based design that resonates with mountain communities.

Currently completing BCSLA registration requirements. Seeking a full-time Intern Landscape Architect role with a BC firm that supports the path to full registration.

SKILLS & SOFTWARE

Design Software	AutoCAD · Civil 3D · Rhino · SketchUp · Revit
Visualization	Twinmotion · V-Ray · 3D Rendering & Modelling
Graphics	Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign)
Technical	Grading & Drainage Design · Construction Documentation · Planting Design
Professional	Project Management · Client Communication · Public Consultation · FireSmart Planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern Landscape Architect

McElhanney | Whistler, BC

November 2021 – June 2026

- Delivered landscape architecture design across a diverse portfolio of public realm, municipal, resort, and Indigenous community projects throughout BC and Alberta, working within a multidisciplinary team of civil, transportation, and electrical engineers.
- Led concept development, 3D visualization, detailed design, and construction documentation on multiple concurrent projects for clients including the Resort Municipality of Whistler, District of Squamish, City of Burnaby, BC Transit, Fraser Health, and Kitselas First Nation.
- Contributed to Climate Positive Design accounting methodology for McElhanney's Landscape Architecture division through the Whistler Conference Centre project — a first for the practice.
- Developed FireSmart and landscape mitigation masterplans for residential developments in Whistler in accordance with BC FireSmart principles.
- Supported public consultation processes, development permit submissions, and advisory design panel presentations..
- Worked closely with First Nations clients and communities on culturally sensitive design projects, including Kitselas Cemetery (Kitselas First Nation) and Lu'Ma Native Housing Society Sweat Lodge (Vancouver).

Contract Designer

KSalin Land Planning | Whistler, BC

April 2016 – September 2019

- Provided CAD drafting, Photoshop rendering, and project design support for a Whistler-based land planning practice.
- Gained early professional experience in landscape and site design in the Sea-to-Sky corridor.

Sales & Marketing

Tyax Lodge & Heliskiing | Gold Bridge, BC

February 2018 – September 2020

- Managed client relationships, reservations, and marketing communications for a remote backcountry heliskiing and wilderness lodge operation.
- Developed strong client-facing communication skills and experience in BC's mountain tourism industry.

Ski Patrol (Pro Patrol)

Grouse Mountain Resort | North Vancouver, BC

November 2006 – April 2015

- Nine seasons as a professional ski patrol member: guest services, avalanche control, rope work, and first aid administration.
- Concurrently served as Instructor at Peak Emergency Response Training (2007–2011), delivering OEC, Advanced Protocols, and CPR-C programs to patrol organizations and corporate clients across BC.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Environmental Design (Honours with Distinction)

University of British Columbia — SALA | Vancouver, BC

September 2012 – April 2015

- GPA: 83.6% | School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (SALA)
- Recipient of the Student Contribution Award, May 2015 — awarded by SALA faculty.
- Program spanning landscape architecture, architecture, and urban design through integrated studio practice.

Camosun College — Visual Arts, Geography, Physics, Philosophy | 2011–2012

Capilano University — Geography, Philosophy

RECOGNITION & NOTABLE WORK

- Jardins de Métis International Garden Festival, Reford Gardens, Québec — 2015. Co-designer of “National Park,” an entry exploring the tension between Canadian wilderness and resource-based urbanization. Application during final year of undergraduate studies.
- SAFE Design Certification — University of Victoria BC Transit Exchange project, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Intern Landscape Architect — BC Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA)

Registration candidacy in progress. BCSLA registration requirements include documented professional work hours and supervisor sign-off, both of which are substantially underway following nearly five years of professional practice.