



## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

**The Robert Gordon University**  
**Bsc (Hons) Architectural Technology**  
**(First Class Honours)**

**MCIAT (Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists)**

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

### Design Consulting

Nicola has varied experience in working for the public Sector acting in a Technical Advisory role to the Client. Nicola has developed an understanding of specialist Government requirements, understanding operational flows and critical success factors for business.

Specialist skills include Client liaison, design coordination, brief and detailed specification writing. Nicola has direct experience in implementing sector `best practice` initiatives and successful implantation of Design Quality Indicators to inform the design process

### Architectural Design

Nicola has a strong technical background, specialising in the progression of designs from initial design concepts through to full detailed design solutions. Specialist skills include detailed design, preparation of construction information and project co-ordination.

Project experience includes residential and commercial schemes ranging in scale and architectural styles with a developed understanding of sustainable technologies and responsible design methods.

## CAREER HISTORY

### *Drivers Jonas (Design Services Team), London*

**Senior Design Consultant:** One of two founder members invited to join Drivers Jonas to establish a new Design Services team/sector within a well-established leader in the property management & surveying sector. Project focus on high profile Public Sector, schemes, providing a Technical Advisory role to Government Clients.

### *HOK International, London*

**Senior Architectural Technologist:** (Design/Project Co-ordinator) for a leading international architectural and design consultancy. Design lead and project co-ordinator on a number of high profile Public Sector projects. Clients included the Home Office, Department of Health, UK Borders Agency and specialist security agencies. Project Co-ordinator role during 6 month secondment to covert security project providing strategic co-ordination and project monitoring.

### *Cook Associates, Faversham, Kent*

**Architectural Technologist:** (Technical Team Leader) for a multi-disciplinary private practice. Overseeing production of construction information, working drawings and schedules for a variety of residential and commercial schemes. Residential projects embraced both high-end bespoke dwellings and `affordable` housing developments.

### *T. P. Bennett Partnership, London*

**Architectural Technologist:** For leading architectural and design consultancies. Concept and detailed design of residential, commercial and educational projects. Projects include; high quality West End gap site office development for Grosvenor Estates.

### *Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London.*

Research Engineer within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Working on an EU funded housing project, Futurehome. (5 million Euros). Design development and co-ordination of Futurehome, collaborating with 15 European and International IMS (Intelligent Manufacturing Systems) Japanese partners. Project concerned with development of sustainable `kit of parts` building system, with service integration, `smart fixing` technologies, and advanced damping mechanisms for seismic applications.