

## Mentor Profile

When would you like to participate as Mentor? (Select all that apply)

- Pilot round  
(Starting March 2022)       Later in 2022       Starting in 2023



Name *Vinod Kumar MM*

Title *Director/Convener*

Firm/Institution *dd architects/INTACH Thrissur*

City, Country *Thrissur, Kerala, India*

LinkedIn/website *<https://www.ddarchitects.in/>*

Best channel for the apprenticeship to contact you (email, Whatsapp, etc):

*vinodkumarmm@gmail.com*

Biography (Add your short biography for Mentor Profile, including relevant UNESCO Heritage Awards-winning projects that may be relevant to the proposed Apprenticeship)

Vinod Kumar MM, is an Architect based in Thrissur, Kerala, India. After studies in Bangalore, practical training and experience from Ahmedabad and Kuala Lumpur, Vinod started the office dd Architects in Thrissur, in 2002, which has successfully worked for many socially and environmentally important projects, mainly in Thrissur and have won many accolades for its work. The firm has won the UNESCO Asia Pacific awards twice for its conservation works. This includes Sree Vadakkunnathan Temple conservation in 2015, when it won the Award of Excellence and Guruvayoor Koothambalam Conservation in 2020, when it won the award of Distinction. Apart from this, he has worked Sakthan Tampuran Palace, Ramanilayam Heritage block, Vanchikulam, Vadakke Chira and is currently working on a conservation proposal for the Thekkinkad maidan, one of the largest open grounds in the centre of a city in the country which is ecologically, historically and culturally important. He has participated as the speaker in many international conferences, published books on conservation and is currently Chairman of Indian Institute of Architects, Thrissur & also the Convener of INTACH Thrissur Chapter.

Specify the project(s) you are working on or are in the process of developing that will be the focus of this Apprenticeship (project name, brief description, current status of project):

Guruvayur Anakotta

Ramanilayam

Thekkinkad Landscape

Vaddakunnathan Koothambalam

Vadakkunathan Museum

Explain the role of Apprentice in the specific project(s) that they will be working on: Make reports, presentations based on research, and work carried out on site

Document the process, and publish on relevant publications which can be used to highlight the architectural conservation techniques and processes which is specific to Kerala.

What skills do you require from the apprentice?

Basic knowledge of conservation, heritage, good computer skills in making presentations, social media, etc.

What language(s) is/are required by the apprentice?

English

Will the Apprenticeship be online or on-site?

- Fully Online       Fully On-site       Either one       Both/hybrid  
(Explain further breakdown below. For instance, 3 sessions on-site)

*If you selected Both/Hybrid, please Explain here the breakdown (e.g. 3 sessions on-site):*

Will your apprentice need to apply through any additional process within your organization?

The apprentice needs to submit a separate portfolio. We would like to confirm the apprentice after checking their portfolio and their interest in our projects.

In what field would the mentorship be provided?

I can provide mentorship in conservation /heritage structures in Kerala, building documentation.

In addition to the assigned tasks, what opportunities for personal interaction would you provide for your Apprentice? (One-on-one meetings to review progress, career advice, invitations to join networking events, etc.)

We would have personal interactions with the apprentice on a day-to-day basis and would also have possibilities to visit and experience many heritage monuments, projects around this part of India. They will also get to interact with local craftspeople.

Please specify any kind of support you can provide to the Apprentice if any (e.g. transportation, housing, research stipend, etc.)

We cannot assure right now, but can discuss as we process the application.

I understand the agreement will be made between myself and the apprentice, subject to mutual understanding. I understand that UNESCO will facilitate the matchmaking process and is not liable nor responsible for the agreement made between myself and the apprentice.

✓ Yes

09-12-2021

Date

Vinod Kumar MM

Name of Mentor



Signature