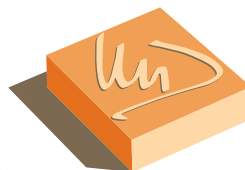


**APPRENTICESHIPS UNDERGRADUATE PLACEMENTS
& GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT 2027**



Michael Dyson
associates ltd

hello



welcome



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Thank you for your interest in placement or graduate employment opportunities at Michael Dyson Associates Ltd.

I have been the Managing Director of the company since 1994 and during this time we have grown and diversified considerably.



Our business is rooted in the long-standing relationships we have created, and continue to create, across the whole of the Housing Sector. Our staff are the key to our success; we are all passionate about the values we hold and the work we undertake.

The student placement process has proven to be a great success story for us and the various talented individuals we have placed. Over the years we have seen a high number of students go on to successfully complete their degrees, return to us in graduate roles and progress their careers within the Company.

I am justifiably proud of what we have achieved in the last forty six years, and of the placement students and graduates we have successfully supported and developed as they started their career journeys with us.

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Alistair M Dyson
Managing Director

1980

FOUNDED

85

EMPLOYEES

£150k

ANNUAL
TRAINING
INVESTMENT

21

EMPLOYEES
WITH 10+
YEARS SERVICE

14

EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY
STUDYING TOWARDS
RICS, CIOB, CIAT & RIBA
CHARTERSHIP

About Us

Michael Dyson Associates Ltd is a long established multi-disciplinary construction consultancy providing a comprehensive range of professional services to the housing sector.

Our success comes from our people and their talent, drive and excellence in their field of professionalism. As a family run company creating a team environment where people flourish in their chosen career path is of prime importance to us whether they are at the start or part way through their career journey.

In wishing to set ourselves apart from other service providers we have developed a culture of commercial transparency, innovation and excellence; we collaborate closely with our clients to ensure our service aligns with their expectations to enhance their business activities.

We are corporate members of the RICS, CIOB and APS, a RIBA chartered architectural practice, hold a Gold Level Affiliate Group Body Corporate status with CIAT and are a CABA company affiliate. Our business processes are aligned with our externally certified ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 compliant Integrated Management System. Our clients can rightfully expect the highest level of consistent service from our team of committed and experienced professionals.

Find out more about us at www.mdyson.co.uk

Training & Support

“Our strength comes from our people, their knowledge and experience.”



Structured
training
programmes
& workshops



Mock
professional
interviews



5 members
of staff on
RICS
structured
training



Chartered
RICS, CIOB,
RIBA, CIAT &
CABA mentors



Tailored Institute
Final Interview
question packs
and submission
reviews



6 members
of staff
progressing
membership
of CIOB



Fully
funded
CPD



2 members
of staff on
RIBA
structured
training



1 member
of staff on
CIAT
structured
training



“My placement journey at MDA has enabled me to excel in my studies during my final year of university. The skill set acquired, has allowed me to bridge the gap between practical application and theoretical knowledge.

Returning to MDA after my studies and placement experience has significantly influenced my progress since my return, shaping my career path as a confident Graduate Quantity Surveyor.

I’m excited to continue expanding my knowledge and experience with MDA, further developing the professional excellence I’m gaining during my time here.

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James Hayward,
Graduate Quantity Surveyor



WIDE RANGE OF
CPD SESSIONS TO
SUPPORT YOUR
LEARNING



PAYMENT OF
PROFESSIONAL
SUBSCRIPTION FEES



COMPANY
FUNDED SOCIAL
EVENTS



OPPORTUNITY
FOR SPONSORSHIP
IN FINAL YEAR &
GRADUATE
EMPLOYMENT
THEREAFTER

Placements

We are seeking enthusiastic, motivated and capable individuals with a determination to progress a career in the construction industry.

Placement opportunities are available to career driven students looking for a year in the industry as part of their sandwich degree course. Based at our head office in Huddersfield the placements offer real ‘on the job’ learning experience, training and development along with support and guidance for those seeking institute chartership.

We are interested in students currently studying:

- Building Surveying
- Project Management
- Construction Management
- Quantity Surveying
- Architectural Technology
- Architecture

In return for your hard work, we offer the package benefits shown left.

Up To
£26k

ANNUAL SALARY

30

DAYS HOLIDAY
(INC. BANK HOLS)

£500

RELOCATION
ALLOWANCE



RICS, CIOB, RIBA, CIAT
& CABE ACCREDITED
TRAINING & SUPPORT



NINE-DAY
FORTNIGHT

Edward Hurdley

Assistant Quantity Surveyor



What Degree Course are you studying?

BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying at Northumbria University.

What did your role involve?

My placement year at Michael Dyson Associates has provided me with invaluable experience across a diverse range of projects, responsibilities and opportunities for professional development. As a Quantity Surveying undergraduate, I have worked within a pre and post-contract role, producing essential documentation that supports the successful delivery of construction projects from start through to finish.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my placement has been the opportunity to experience projects from both an office and site-based perspective. Regular site visits have enabled me to monitor project progress, assess variations, undertake inspections, and engage directly with clients and contractors.

Working as part of a multidisciplinary team has broadened my understanding of contract administration and exposed me to the many disciplines involved in delivering successful projects. Undertaking snagging inspections and end-of-defects assessments has strengthened my technical knowledge and enhanced my understanding of the quality standards required throughout the construction process.

How did you find it?

This has been an incredibly rewarding experience. From day one, I was welcomed into a friendly and supportive team that encouraged me to develop both my technical knowledge and professional skills.

Being trusted to work independently on important projects made me feel valued and gave me the confidence to develop far beyond what I expected. The responsibility I was given, alongside the continuous support and guidance from my colleagues, has played a significant role in my personal and professional growth.

What skills, training and knowledge did you experience?

Over the past 12 months, I have had the opportunity to work on a wide range of projects, enabling me to make significant progress in both my personal and professional development. Through hands-on experience, I have strengthened key skills including effective communication, problem-solving, technical knowledge, and the use of industry technologies.

Working in a fast-paced environment that was initially unfamiliar has challenged me to continually develop my knowledge, improve my time management and expand my skill set. Looking back, the progress I have made over the past year has exceeded my expectations.

Regular toolbox talks and CPD sessions have enhanced my technical knowledge while introducing me to new concepts and industry practices. These opportunities have not only supported my own development but have also helped the wider team stay informed and adapt to the continually evolving built environment.

How would you summarise my placement experience with MDA?

My placement year has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience. The varied workload provided opportunities to work across multiple sites while managing office-based responsibilities, giving me valuable insight into the role of a Quantity Surveyor and the wider construction industry.

Working within a supportive team and engaging with clients and contractors made the placement both fulfilling and valuable. The trust and responsibility I was given has strengthened my skills, prepared me for returning to university, and provided a strong foundation for my future career.

Blue Carnall

Assistant Building Surveyor



What Degree Course are you studying?

Building Surveying at Sheffield Hallam University.

What did your role involve?

During my placement at Michael Dyson Associates, I worked within the Asset Management Team as an Assistant Building Surveyor. This role gave me the opportunity to experience the fast-paced nature of the construction industry while contributing to various live projects across the social housing sector. From day one I was encouraged to take on an active role within the team and with responsibilities including undertaking stock condition surveys, validating and report writing, attending site inspections and conducting invasive surveys within various non-traditional and high-rise properties. I also regularly contacted residents, site managers and surveyors to arrange appointments, liaise information and maintain good relations to ensure efficient running and delivery of projects.

How did you find it?

My placement year has been a hugely positive experience and has played a major role in developing my understanding of the industry. MDA have an excellent relationship with Sheffield Hallam, and both my lecturers and previous undergraduate students only had positive things to say regarding both the opportunity and the people I'd be working with. One of the most valuable aspects of this year was being surrounded by experienced

professionals who have all been extremely supportive and approachable when I have had any queries or struggles, and the guidance I have received has helped me grow into a more confident and professional individual.

What skills, training and knowledge did you experience?

I have had the opportunity to work within both the structural engineering team and stock condition team here at MDA. I gained valuable experience in the structural engineering side of the business particularly through invasive surveys carried out on non-traditional and high-rise buildings. This has greatly improved my knowledge of different construction types, structural defects and the importance of accurately recording data and assessing building conditions.

While on the stock condition side of the business, I gained extensive experience undertaking internal and external inspections of a wide range of residential properties. This involved assessing the overall condition of a property, while identifying defects and recording lifecycle data for key building components. This has significantly improved my building pathology knowledge and attention to detail, as well as my time management and communication skills through engagement with residents and colleagues.

Alongside project work, I benefitted from the regular CPD and RICS workshops offered by MDA. The workshops allowed me and the other undergraduates to gain an insight into the APC process, assistance with logging completed CPD training and further insight into career progression and professional standards within the industry.

How would you summarise my placement experience with MDA?

My placement year at MDA has been a highly rewarding experience that has supported my development both personally and professionally. Working within the Asset Management Team has helped me grow in confidence and develop key skills which will undoubtedly help me succeed in my final year studies and future career as a building surveyor. Overall, my placement year has been invaluable, and I would highly recommend MDA as a company to anyone looking to complete their placement year in industry.

Olivia Fawcett

Architectural Assistant Placement



What Degree Course are you studying?

Level 7 Architecture (MArch) Programme at Leeds Beckett University

What did your role involve?

I have contributed to a wide range of projects, from new build developments to high rise retrofit schemes, typically working across RIBA Stages 2–6. This variety has been invaluable in strengthening my understanding of project processes, timelines and the progression from early concept through to construction. Exposure to initial design and strategy, planning and building regulations, detailed design and on site delivery has significantly broadened my industry knowledge and deepened my architectural skillset.

My involvement varies depending on the project type and stage. In early phases, I support concept development through Revit modelling, Photoshop work, design studies and planning packages. In later stages, I have produced building regulation drawings, assisted with tender documentation and contributed to detailed design. Working across both AutoCAD and Revit projects continually enhances my technical capability and software proficiency.

How did you find it?

I have now been at MDA for over a year and have completed the first year of the Level 7 Architecture MArch programme at Leeds Beckett University, progressing steadily towards qualifying as an Architect. MDA's career development plan supports continuous professional growth, and the combination of study and hands on experience has significantly strengthened my skills. I would recommend this route to anyone pursuing architecture, the practical experience gained is far more substantial than the traditional full time university pathway.

Although independence is encouraged, support is always available. If I need guidance, someone is ready to help, and the management team is approachable and happy to discuss anything outside day to day project work.

What skills, training and knowledge did you experience?

Alongside advancing my software knowledge, a large part of my role involves direct communication with clients, contractors, sub contractors, and other project stakeholders. I'm now taking on more responsibility within projects, which has deepened the quality of experience I'm gaining and supported my personal and professional growth. These practical skills aren't often addressed in university, yet they are crucial for ongoing progression in practice.

We also have structured CPD (Continuous Professional Development) sessions within the company, covering a range of topics. Anyone working toward qualification as an Architect can record these sessions as CPD hours in their PEDRs.



What our Undergraduates and Graduates say about us...

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I first started at MDA just over 3 years ago as a 12-month placement before going back to university to complete my MArch. I was offered the opportunity to stay at MDA and go down the Level 7 Architect Apprenticeship route to qualify as an architect.



Whilst studying and working professionally, I have gained invaluable experience that I wouldn't have necessarily gained if I'd have gone back to university through the full-time route. From early concept development to co-ordinating detailed design packs with clients and contractors, the experience I have gained has given me a depth of knowledge within the industry.

Through the continued support at MDA alongside the guidance to progress professionally, I was recently promoted to Project Manager, reflecting the responsibilities and experience I have achieved through opportunities whilst working here.

If you want direct experience in projects across multiple RIBA stages, I recommend a placement at MDA to anyone, as you never know where it may take you.

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Thomas Corns
Architectural Assistant



“ Following a successful placement year in 2017, I was given the opportunity to return as a graduate Building Surveyor in the Contract Administration Team. I have since had the opportunities to grow as a professional and progress within the company including my path to now being a Chartered Building Surveyor. I am now responsible for delivering construction projects and managing clients’ expectations on varied and high-profile schemes. I also play an active role in mentoring current undergraduates on their placement year, helping them gain knowledge and progress in their careers.

MDA acknowledges the value young professionals have within the construction industry and are committed to nurture and reward hard working individuals. ”

Oliver Booth MRICS, IMaPS
Chartered Building Surveyor

“ I joined MDA in 2004 as an undergraduate from Nottingham Trent University. At the time the industry was booming and the company offered me a great opportunity to gain significant experience on many of their exciting ongoing projects.



After a successful 18-month placement period and then successfully completing my university studies, I was offered a graduate role which both enabled me to develop my general skill set but also allowed me to gain RICS professional membership.

I progressed through the company to become a senior member of the Contract Administration Team, Associate and now Director. I provide supervisory and mentoring roles for various undergraduates / APC students and look forward to supporting the undergraduate and graduate process going forwards. ”

Michael Brown MRICS, IMaPS
MRICS, IMaPS, Director (Contract Administration)





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Since rejoining MDA as a graduate in 2021, I've had the opportunity to grow through a series of roles; first as Project Leader, then Project Manager, and most recently, as Senior Project Manager within the Asset Management Team. This progression reflects the structured career development support I've received through regular monthly reviews and annual appraisals.

In 2025, I took another significant step in my career by becoming a Chartered Construction Manager through achieving MCIOB status with the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB). This long-standing personal goal, first set during my college and university studies, was made possible with the support and encouragement of MDA. The company offer a range of support for achieving accreditations in the professional field, both financially and through workshops with Chartered Members.



MDA is a rewarding and supportive place to work, with regular social events that help maintain strong team morale. This year, a summer golf league has added a fun way to unwind, shifting the stress from the office to the course!

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Shaun Hanoman MCIOB, DipDEA
Senior Project Manager

Graduate Employment Opportunities

At Michael Dyson Associates Ltd we have employment opportunities for graduates from the following construction disciplines:

- Building Surveying
- Project Management
- Construction Management
- Quantity Surveying
- Architectural Technology and Architecture

Working in a fast paced environment you will be part of a team delivering construction projects for a range of clients in the Housing sector across the UK. Being involved with projects from inception to completion, small or large, simple or complex, you must be confident, have the ability to think on your feet and be an able communicator.

Having highly motivated and entrepreneurially driven staff is fundamental to the success of our company and graduates with an aptitude and thirst to learn are encouraged to apply for these positions. You will receive our full technical and financial support in training towards achieving chartership of your relevant professional body (RICS, CIOB, RIBA, CIAT, etc.) with lots of job specific training and learning opportunities will be provided.

We offer an excellent salary and benefits package including company vehicle / car allowance, contributory pension scheme, up to 38 days holiday (inc bank holidays), four times salary life assurance, Employee Assistance Programme, hybrid working and 9-day fortnight scheme, company bonuses, social events and payment of professional subscription fees.

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I started as an undergraduate at MDA in 2014 and returned as a graduate in 2016 following a year of sponsorship. I finished university with a first class honours degree, something that I can attribute to the continued support that MDA provided throughout my final year of university.



As a returning graduate I was provided with a significant amount of help and support in order to progress my career. MDA invest in their graduates and where possible promotes from within.

Since returning to MDA I quickly progressed and was promoted to a Senior Building Surveyor / Project Manager position and more recently promoted to Associate within the Asset Management Team.

The company also offers excellent training, paid study leave and financial support towards your professional field. As you work through your structured training programme, I will be available to provide continued support and answer any questions you may have in relation to becoming chartered.

MDA is a friendly and rewarding place to work. With regular social events both in and out of the office you get to know everyone, from every team!

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Lydia Stronge MRICS, MCABE C.Build E
Chartered Building Surveyor

Apprenticeships & Supporting Careers in Construction

The continued career development of our staff is pivotal to our continued success. We firmly believe the more we support and invest in our people, the more we grow as a company.

Integrating education and work-based learning allows for career development alongside the significant benefit of earning while you learn. Whatever your background if you have enthusiasm, drive and a 'get up and go' nature then we can support you in obtaining a broad range of hands-on experience, professional qualifications and a career in construction.

Dependent upon your education level, whether you are looking at an entry level apprenticeship through to a degree apprenticeship or a masters degree, our experienced professionals can support you with training and mentoring in the fields of Building Surveying, Quantity Surveying or Architecture.

NVQ

BTEC

BA
(Hons)

BSc
(Hons)

MSc



What our people have to say...



Alongside working at MDA as a Part 1 Architectural Assistant, I have enrolled onto a Level 7 Architect Apprenticeship to complete my Part 2 and 3 at Sheffield Hallam. This allows me the opportunity to get more hands-on experience as well as study. MDA have been helpful and supportive on continuing my journey as an architect, especially providing extra training needed such as Revit workshops and scaffolding training.

During my time at MDA, I am working with an enthusiastic team who help me gain the necessary experience and further knowledge within my role, which is still expanding day to day. I have worked on several projects ranging from new build homes to energy efficient retrofit works, allowing for me to pick up a range of skills, such as time management. With these skills I am very excited to continue my apprenticeship and looking forward to the journey ahead with MDA, gaining further understanding and developing new skills along the way.

Chloe Williams

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Completing my Building Surveying Degree Apprenticeship at Sheffield Hallam University and achieving MRICS status has been a challenging and rewarding journey. The apprenticeship combined academic learning with practical on the job experience, helping me develop expertise across building surveying, project management and contract administration.

Sheffield Hallam University's support and industry-focused modules such as construction technology, property law, building pathology, and professional practice, prepared me well for the RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC). Going through this process strengthened my professional judgement, analytical thinking and understanding of RICS standards.

Since becoming chartered, I have progressed from Project Manager to Senior Project Manager and now Team Manager, developing strong leadership, organisational and commercial skills while managing complex projects and driving high standards. I am grateful to my colleagues at MDA for their continued support throughout my career.

Joe Dyson, MRICS



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Since joining MDA in 2021 as an apprentice survey technician within the Asset Management Team, I've gained hands-on experience across a diverse range of projects and survey types. These have included invasive high-rise investigations, as well as repair schemes for privately owned non-traditional properties. This practical exposure has been invaluable in complementing my academic learning, allowing me to apply real-world knowledge to the concepts taught at university.

In September, I will begin my fourth year of the five-year apprenticeship programme at Leeds Beckett University, which leads to a degree in Building Surveying and offers a supported and accelerated pathway to RICS Chartership which I have already begun working towards.

Following a successful period with the Asset Management Team, I am now working within MDA's Contract Administration department. This move has introduced me to a new scope of services, including Clerk of Works, Principal Designer, Employers Agent services and Contract Administrator roles. My university studies have greatly supported this, enabling me to apply academic learning directly to new services and responsibilities.

I'm excited to continue my development within MDA and progressing in my studies, with the ultimate goal of becoming a Chartered Surveyor.

Liam Walton

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I have been with MDA for over 4 years and my current role at MDA is Senior Survey Technician. This is largely a site-based role and involves attending properties and completing various surveying activities on properties such as non-traditional houses and high rise residential tower blocks. With MDA I have completed my Level 4 HNC in Construction and The Built Environment at Leeds College of Building and achieved my TechCIOB status. I also obtained an award for Career Development and Excellence at the 2025 CHIP/CHIC awards. I am now studying an RICS accredited degree in Building Surveying at Nottingham Trent University which I aim to complete and gain my RICS status by 2028.

Over the next 12 months my goal is to successfully progress through my degree and move up into a project leader role creating a successful and long-lasting career with MDA.

Jack Midgley

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Join Us

We are passionate about finding the right people to join us, develop with us and be part of our continued success.

We typically recruit six placement students each year with the following qualities:

- Successful completion of second year studies passing all core modules
- Full UK driving licence is essential
- Willingness to travel (all travel & expenses paid by the company)
- Good communication skills, enthusiastic and driven to succeed

Application Process



We keep our application and interview process simple. We ask that you send in your CV along with a one page covering letter telling us about yourself, why you want a placement with us and any other information that will make you stand out.

- Applications should be made from the 1st of October 2026 via: **www.mdysonecareers.co.uk** / scan the QR code
- The application deadline is the 22nd of February 2027
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview from the 5th of October 2026 onwards with all placements made by end of March 2027
- We allocate our placements as we interview and find the right people - the sooner you apply the better!



Graduate vacancies are advertised on our website careers page or you can also upload your CV under our speculative applications, so your details are held on our system for any future opportunities.

Should you wish to discuss upcoming placements apprenticeships or graduate opportunities in further detail prior to applying please contact Emma Taylor (Director) who oversees our recruitment process on **01484 666888** or email **etaylor@mdyson.co.uk**



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of what I want to do in
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