



CityStudio Project Lead: What do I do?

Hi there!

My name is Adele Therias and I am the CityStudio Project Lead for Capilano University. Since this is a new role, here's a cheat sheet explaining what I do and how I can support faculty and city staff partnering on CityStudio projects.

What is CityStudio?

CityStudio North Vancouver is an experimentation and innovation hub for the City of North Vancouver where CNV staff and Capilano students and faculty co-create projects to make North Vancouver a more vibrant, sustainable and healthy city.

In a nutshell:

I am always on the lookout for CapU courses and programs that could benefit from immersive, real-world projects, and City of North Vancouver departments that could benefit from student energy and ideas. To spread the word about this awesome initiative, I give presentations to various departments and faculties at the City and University, and I have one-on-one meetings to better understand why and how people want to get involved. Many of the projects are generated by City staff at an annual project generation workshop that I facilitate. When potential matches are identified, I bring the faculty and staff together into a room and support them as they design a project. Throughout the term, I organize several touchpoints between the staff and the faculty, and I help to address any challenges or questions that may arise as the students embark on their exciting projects. The best part: I organize a celebratory project showcase at the end-of-term HUBBUB to share the students' accomplishments!

Some things I do:

- Schedule and facilitate meetings between faculty and staff (book rooms, send invitations, arrange for parking passes, send follow-up reminders and notes, etc...)
- Suggest resources for students and faculty to support the project based on my knowledge of university programs and previous CityStudio projects.
- Stay up to date with communications and step in when my help is needed (e.g. by being copied on all project-related emails)

Some things I don't do:

- Attend CityStudio project courses regularly (outside of the three scheduled class visits)
- Advise on grades given to projects for course completion purposes

Any questions?

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