

Speech of the Dean of Faculty of Architecture and Design

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Dear colleagues, graduates of doctoral studies at the Faculty of Architecture and Design,

You have just received your PhD. and ArtD. titles, respectively, at the only faculty of the Slovak University of Technology that is not only oriented towards technology, but towards arts as well.

During the course of the academic years, the life of each faculty is filled by many every day and exceptional activities. From among them, two are outstanding: the welcoming of new students at the beginning of the year, students which are filled with expectations of the journey ahead, of gaining new knowledge and deepening existing one about the world of architecture, urbanism and design, of the world where technology and art are connected and blend together. On the other hand, at the end of the year, we say goodbye to our graduates, which have successfully defended their diploma and dissertation theses.

During the relatively long process of studies, you have tried to, first and foremost, empathize with the needs of future users of your designs, or with your academic coworkers. Over time, you became the creators of architectural objects, urban ensembles, public spaces or designer works and products. You have also learned how to be team players. You have shared your thoughts, ideas and questions with your colleagues and learned how to work together in a team.

Dear colleagues,

In today's ceremony, you have been awarded the titles PhD. and ArtD., after successfully defending your dissertation thesis, in which you have proven your capacity of individual scientific or artistic work of an architect, urbanist or designer.

Even though most of you have had the opportunity to work in a professional studio during your studies, the important step of starting your professional career and applying your creativity to practice awaits you all in the near future. I would be very glad and I am sure that some of you will become our colleagues at FAD STU in Bratislava.

I believe that you do not need the advice of older colleagues when taking the first step of the next stage of your professional life. However, allow me to offer just one piece of it:

Always try to be yourself and try to remain a polite person, be it during every day work or breaking moments of your life.

In that, I wish you much success!