

MELISSA APOLAYA

Architect and landscape architect with over 10 years of experience in design, planning, and execution of projects. I have worked independently and in multidisciplinary teams within the private sector, as well as in collaboration with universities, NGOs, and public entities on social and environmental development initiatives. My approach combines creative and technical solutions that respect the natural environment, optimize available resources, and achieve tangible results. I am a hands-on professional who enjoys fieldwork, adapts easily to different contexts, and has experience in remote and challenging areas.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 - Present
Lima PE
Cusco PE

Independent Architect melissaapolaya.com

- Design and development of architectural and landscape projects (housing, offices, renovations, public spaces, gardens, urban developments).
- Full supervision: preliminary design, technical plans, construction details, coordination with engineers and specialists.
- Construction management: client relations, coordination with contractors and suppliers.

2007-2013
Lima PE

Atelier Barclay & Crousse <https://www.barclaycrousse.com/>

- Internship and junior architect
- Architectural plans in ArchiCAD, 3D modeling, coordination with engineering teams.
- Graphic design, post-production in Adobe Suite, layout of competition documents and presentation panels.

2021
Lima PE

Consulting Collaboration - Evaluation Report and Diagnosis of the “Nueva Ciudad de Belén” Project – Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation

- Urban-architectural diagnosis, review of specialized literature, environmental analysis with technical proposals for public spaces, focusing on water resource management, productive urban spaces, and child-oriented spaces.
- Team coordination via Zoom, preparation of technical reports.

2020
Lima PE

Consulting Collaboration - Terms of Reference for a biodiversity and ecosystem services strategy for Lima – Sustainable Cities Project – Ministry of Environment / WWF

- Mapping of key stakeholders, conducting interviews, cross-analysis, drafting of deliverables and timelines.
- Review of international references, compilation of a database of specialists.

EDUCATION

2018-2022
Munich, DE

Master of Arts in Landscape Architecture ALEPRONA Scholar

Technische Universität München, Germany

Thesis: “Bridging the Gap: The walk as an intercultural participatory practice for landscape design”

2005-2010
Lima, PE

Architecture - Universidad Peruana Ciencias Aplicadas

Professional Title (2010) | Licensure (2015)

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

2024

Loreto, PE

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú PUCP - Kuminka Project

Community construction of a center for the preservation of the Kukama language in the Amazon jungle with students, mostly women.

<https://www.instagram.com/kuminkaproject/>

2022 - 2023

Cusco, PE

Universidad Andina del Cusco – Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Environmental Management and Territorial Planning – Design Studio

2015 - 2018

Lima, PE

UPC Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas - Facultad Arquitectura

Construction Courses – Design Studios.

Theoretical and practical classes in construction, with emphasis on earth construction and design workshops.

VOLUNTEERING I PARTICIPATIVE PROJECTS

2015 - 2017

Lima, PE

Construye Identidad

Coordination of participatory projects.

2017

Loreto, PE

BeF 3.0 - PUCP / Ministry of Education

Construction of dry toilets in the Amazon rainforest.

2017

Junín, PE

PARQUEBAMBU

Participatory bamboo design with native community.

2007 - 2008

Lima, PE

TECHO PERÚ

Coordination of collective constructions.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)

English (C1 IELTS)

German (B2 DSDII)

TOOLS & SOFTWARE

ArchiCAD, AutoCAD, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Lightroom, Microsoft Office, Zoom.

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

Paisajes Regenerativos: Escala Territorial - Sociedad de Arquitectos Paisajistas México - 16 hrs.

Online Course: Introduction to Biomimicry – Biomimicry 3.8

Narrative Analysis – Jeremías Gamboa

Management and Leadership of Construction Companies – Instituto de la Construcción y Gerencia

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