

# Applying to Diploma in Architecture

Guidelines for Applicants

(see also <http://application.gsa.ac.uk>  
for guidance on uploading your  
portfolio)

# Application Form

- Your application will be forwarded to assessors when you have submitted
  - A completed postgraduate application form
  - A personal statement
  - A portfolio
  - Two written references on headed paper, preferably one academic and one from employment

# Additional Information

- In addition you will also need to submit
  - Evidence of academic qualifications
  - If English is not your first language evidence of English Language proficiency (IELTS certificate)
  - A copy of your passport (if applicable)
  
  - We would prefer if you sent all this information with the application form, personal statement, references and portfolio

# Personal Statement Guide

Your personal statement (approx 500 to 700 words) should support your application to the Mackintosh School of Architecture and state your architectural interests and intentions. It should also give details of your undergraduate education and what practical experience you have gained to date during your year out in practice or by other means.

# Portfolio Guide (Form)

- 25 pages – each page may contain a number of images (max 200kb per page)
- Images can either be uploaded at <http://application.gsa.ac.uk> or a URL can be provided (make sure this url/file share does not expire before the assessment date)
- Select good quality images that present your work to its best effect.

# Portfolio Guide (Content)

- Your portfolio should demonstrate your design and communication skills, and should provide evidence of a range of design research, development and resolution.
- You should use a variety of techniques – CAD work, hand drawing, photography and model making.
- Knowledge within the area of Architectural Technology – i.e. Construction, structures and environment should also be demonstrated

# Portfolio Guide (Content) contd.

- The portfolio should be self-explanatory and provide evidence of design skill, technical knowledge, process and completed work

# Assessment Criteria

Application Form and Portfolio



# Criteria

- Academic Qualifications/ Relevant experience show evidence of equivalent of a 2(i) degree in Architecture
- Range of skills
- Interest and motivation to study at MSA
- Interest in Architecture and the Profession

# Assessment Criteria

Interview

# Criteria

- Ability to communicate and discuss practice
- Range of skills
- Interest and motivation to study at MSA
- Interest in Architecture and the Profession