

Applying to Master of Architectural Studies

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, indicating the pathway you have chosen to follow
 - A personal statement
 - A portfolio (except for *History and Theory of the City* where two examples of academic writing and an outline research proposal should be submitted in lieu of 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 demonstrate your knowledge and interest in your chosen pathway. It should also give details of your experience to date together with your architectural intentions and to establish the relevance of this to your chosen pathway.

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 through a variety of media.
- Evidence of awareness of the specialist pathway should be demonstrated.
- The portfolio should be self-explanatory and provide evidence of design skill, technical knowledge, process and completed work

Portfolio Guide (Content) contd.

- Knowledge and experience of Architectural Technology is a mandatory component of a portfolio supporting an application to the *Energy and Environment, Zero-energy Mass Customised Housing* and *Urban Building* pathways but may also be included for other pathways.
- Where required, examples of academic writing, should be from degree level and demonstrate a knowledge of Architectural History and Theory, clarity in writing, formation of an argument support through research and appropriate referencing

Assessment Criteria

Application Form and Portfolio

Criteria

- Academic Qualifications/ Relevant experience show equivalent of a 2(i) degree in Architecture
- Range of skills
- Interest and motivation to study at MSA
- Evidence of knowledge and interest in the chosen pathway

Assessment Criteria

Interview

Criteria

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

Pathways on the MArch

- The following specialist pathways are offered and should be clearly indicated in the application:
 - Urban Building
 - Urban Design
 - Energy and Environmental Studies
 - Creative Urban Practices
 - Digital Creativity
 - Zero Energy Mass Customised Housing
 - History and Theory of the City