

Applying to M.Res in Creative Practices

Guidelines for Applicants

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

Submission Requirements

Your application will be forwarded to assessors when you have submitted

- A completed postgraduate application form
- A 500 word research proposal in the ‘personal statement’ area of the application form
- A portfolio
- A list providing details about items in the portfolio

Additional Information

In addition you will need to submit

- Evidence of academic qualifications
- Two academic references
- A copy of your passport (if applicable) Please check on the GSA Website if you need to do this)

We would prefer to receive all this information together with the application form, (which should include your 500 word research proposal) and your portfolio

Research Proposal

The 500 word research proposal should clearly state your areas of research interest.

In writing this, you could consider questions such as,

- *What particular aspect of your previous practices or studies are you most curious about?*
- *Are you planning to diverge from this field?*
- *What questions do you hope to answer through your inquiry?*
- *What media do you plan to use in carrying out and articulating your research?*

Portfolio – many possibilities

As the M.Res is a multidisciplinary programme, the term portfolio applies to a variety of types of work created by you.

Some examples are:

- *Images of visual art, design, craft, architecture, etc.*
- *Images of theatre/performance*
- *Samples of academic papers, creative writing*
- *Images of education and community projects, etc.*

In all cases, a list providing details of the images/ videos/ samples submitted should also be uploaded with the portfolio

Formatting the Portfolio

- 25 images in jpg format, max 200 kb per image
- For larger files (e.g. Video) use of a file-sharing site may be necessary (ensure this does not expire before the assessment dates) Maximum duration of any video or sound files should not exceed 3 minutes each
- If you wish to submit a link to a website you may do so, *in addition* to submitting a portfolio. A website link is not sufficient on its own
- Select good quality images that present your work to its best effect

Assessment Criteria

Application Form and Portfolio

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- Evidence of Academic Qualifications/ Relevant experience:
All applicants should normally have a good honours degree in a relevant subject area
OR
Equivalent professional experience, to be agreed at the discretion of programme staff following GSA guidelines
- Demonstration of critical awareness
- Demonstration of an understanding of and desire for critical feedback from peers and tutors
- Demonstration of an interest in inter -disciplinary practice and/or research.
- Demonstration of good communication skills
- Demonstration of a high level of competence in chosen discipline, commensurate with undergraduate or equivalent achievement and experience
- Evidence of a suitable level of competency in English. Applicants whose first language is not English should normally obtain a minimum score of 6.0 in all categories of the IELTS test or equivalent

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Interview

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The interview offers you an opportunity to share your enthusiasm for your work and your current thoughts on how you would wish to develop it while on the MRes. The interview will be assessed for:

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- Demonstration of an understanding of and desire for critical feedback from peers and tutors
- Demonstration of an interest in inter disciplinary practice and/or research
- Demonstration of good communication skills
- Demonstration of a high level of competence in chosen discipline, commensurate with undergraduate or equivalent achievement and experience

If you are unable to attend in person, an interview by telephone or via internet video (e.g. Skype) can be arranged

Good Luck!