

# Applying to study at Masters level School of Design

## Guidelines for Applicants

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

## Programmes of study

- MDes Communication Design (2 year programme)
- MDes Design Innovation & Citizenship
- MDes Design Innovation & Collaborative Creativity (based in Highlands & Islands)
- MDes Design Innovation & Environmental Design
- MDes Design Innovation & Interaction Design (based in Highlands & Islands)
- MDes Design Innovation & Service Design
- MDes Design Innovation & Transformation Design (based in Highlands & Islands)
- MDes Fashion and Textiles
- MDes Graphics, Illustration and Photography
- MDes Interior Design
- MSc International Management and Design Innovation (joint GSA/University of Glasgow programme – applications are submitted to the University of Glasgow)
- MSc Product Design Engineering

## Progressing your application

Your application will be forwarded to assessors when you have submitted:

- Portfolio (where applicable)
- Application form which has been fully completed
- One academic reference (at your discretion two references may be provided)
- Personal statement
- Transcript of qualifications attained to date (including English Language qualification where applicable)
- Evidence of current studies leading towards a degree which will qualify you to study at masters level (Where applicable)
- In addition to your application you will also need to submit a copy of your passport (if applicable). We would prefer if you sent this information with the application form, personal statement, reference, transcripts and portfolio.

## Personal Statement Guide

Your personal statement should:

- be approximately 500 words in length
- state your interests and intentions
- support your application to the chosen programme of study
- be specific not generic
- demonstrate that you have researched the programme
- indicate why you consider the programme important to the future development of your practice.

## Portfolio Guide

Most applicants are required to submit a portfolio, with the exception of applicants to MSc Product Design Engineering, MSc International Management and Design Innovation, and applicants to MDes Design Innovation who do not have an Art and Design background.

Your portfolio should:

- comprise of 25 clear images
- be self-explanatory and provide evidence of research, design development and process, technical knowledge, technical skill and resolved work.

If the portfolio is accessible via a URL then please ensure that the link is live, and will remain so throughout the assessment period.

## Assessment Criteria

On application (application form, portfolio, reference and personal statement) and at interview, we will assess your ability to:

- apply practical skills
- apply analytical and conceptual skills
- communicate about your work and put into context
- demonstrate an interest in Design and specialist area applied for