

Applying to Study

Master of Research

Guidelines for Applicants

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

Progressing your Application

Your application will be forwarded to assessors when you have submitted to GSA Registry registry@gsa.ac.uk the following:

- Completed Postgraduate Application Form
- Completed Research Proposal Form
- Copies of entry qualification certificates (Transcript/mark sheet)
- Two Academic Reference (word count 500 maximum per reference)
- Electronic submission of Portfolio in support of the application (in ppt. or jpg. Format), if appropriate

Qualifications/Relevant Professional Experience

- Evidence of previous or current studies leading towards a degree that will qualify you to study at Masters level
- **OR** Evidence of Significant Relevant Professional Experience (RPE) in such cases the RPE may be considered equivalent to a first degree at the discretion of programme staff following GSA guidelines

Relevant Professional Experience

- Please use the free text box under the Education and Qualifications section on page 2 of the Application Form to provide evidence of significant professional experience, which is relevant to your Research Proposal (300 words maximum)
- If you are completing this section of the application, you should make it clear how your previous professional experience has prepared you, in particular, for independent research

Further Information

International applicants will normally be expected to provide evidence of attainment equivalent to: Academic IELTS 6.0 (minimum 6 in each component). If the language of instruction at the applicants last university is English, international applicants will not need to provide this qualification.

In addition to your application you will also need to submit a copy of your passport (if applicable).

Research Proposal

Applicants are required to submit a completed Research Proposal Form, which should clearly state the **research context**. In writing this you may consider what particular aspect of your practice or research you wish to focus on and what is the relationship between the practice and the research. Please ensure you complete the research proposal form including:

- Project title and summary
- Research question(s) – what do you want to find out?
- Research aims and objectives – what do you hope to achieve?
- Research rationale – why is the research important?
- Research method(s)
- Ethical implications

Portfolio Guide

Applicants may submit a portfolio of design/creative practice in support of your application. Your portfolio should:

- Be submitted electronically in ppt. or jpg. Format
- Comprise of a maximum of 12 images
- Provide evidence of the relationship between creative practice and research

If the portfolio is accessible via a URL, please ensure the link is live.

Assessment Criteria

On application your **research proposal** will be assessed on academic merit and your ability to clearly and concisely articulate your research inquiry and context. We will also assess your ability to:

- Undertake a research project at Masters level
- Understand research approaches; methodology and method(s)
- Demonstrate critical and creative approaches
- Communicate your research to diverse audiences

This is usually done by interview. The interview offers you an opportunity to share your research proposal and thoughts on how you may wish to develop it during the course of study. If you are unable to attend in person, a telephone or Skype interview can be arranged.