

Master of Letters in Curatorial Practice (Contemporary Art)

Guidelines for Applicants



Academic Entry Requirements

- Normally a UK Bachelors honours degree (or its international equivalent) in a relevant/ related subject that gives appropriate grounding for postgraduate study.
- If you do not meet these academic entry requirements, we may still consider your application on the basis of your portfolio and or relevant professional experience.
- We seek to enrol self-motivated students who are determined critical thinkers, professionally orientated and understand that their commitment to the programme is a significant investment in their future.

Where can I find out more about the programme?

- You can meet GSA online for Advice & Introductions at Virtual Open Days and during more informal Meet your Department sessions taking place throughout the year.
- You can find useful information about the MLitt programme via the weblinks below. You should be aware of the focus of the programme you are applying to, its structure and content, as well as the opportunities available to you during your studies. It is important to make sure that the programme you are applying to meets your expectations.

[Programme overview on GSA website](#)

[Programme and course specifications](#)

Deadline dates

- The programme begins in September. Although there are no application deadlines early application is encouraged in order to ensure a place on the programme. We guarantee to review all applications received before **18 March for 2022 entry**. Early application is encouraged in order to avoid disappointment.
- Applications are reviewed on a cyclical basis from November – August as shown below. Your application will need to be complete (part 1 and 2) by the date shown to enter the next review.

	Final date for applicants to submit application	Final date for decision to be with applicant
Review 1	03 December 2021	28 January 2022
Review 2	28 January 2022	18 March 2022
Review 3	18 March 2022	06 May 2022
Review 4	06 May 2022	24 June 2022
Review 5	10 June 2022	22 June 2022
Review 6	Applications received after 10 June	Rolling basis after 22 June
	8 August 2021 for international applications	

Application Process

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

- A completed postgraduate application form
- A personal statement

In addition you will be required to submit:

- Evidence of academic qualifications
- Two academic referees
- If English is not your first language, you will be expected to provide evidence of attainment equivalent to International English Language Test (IELT) for UKVI Academic from a UKVI approved test centre. We require a score of 6.0 overall, with a minimum of 5.5 in each component. GSA's preferred test is the IELTS for UKVI (Academic) test taken at a UKVI approved test centre. A full list of [UKVI approved test centres](#) and [other tests](#) that may be presented are available on the GSA website.
- A copy of your passport (if applicable)

We would prefer all additional information to be sent at the same time as the application form and personal statement.

Personal Statement

- Your statement should consist of no more than 500 words. Statements that are longer may not be fully read.

It should be a genuine reflection on why you are interested in pursuing a career in curating and give a clear sense of the key areas you wish to explore. The statement should demonstrate that you have researched the programme and indicate the reasons why you think it is best suited to the future development of your practice

- You may write about:
 - your reasons for applying to the MLitt Curatorial Practice programme.
 - your interests and experiences within your practice;
 - what you hope to gain by studying on the programme;
 - what you will contribute to the MLitt
 - how undertaking the programme corresponds with your future ambitions.

Assessment Criteria

Application Form and Statement

Applications are assessed against the following criteria:

- Academic qualifications and relevant experience.
- Good first degree or equivalent professional experience.
- Interest and motivation to study at GSA
- Potential contribution and development within the MLitt Curatorial Practice programme.

Assessment Criteria

Interview

Interviews will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Ability to discuss your approach to Curating
- Awareness of Contemporary Art and other relevant contexts.
- Capacity for independent thought and collaborative work.
- Critical awareness of the potential development within your working practices.

Further Information

[How to apply GSA webpage](#)

[List of Postgraduate degrees at GSA](#) [GSA Open Events](#)

[Fees, Funding and Finance](#) [Accommodation](#) [Individual](#)

[country guides](#)

[UKVI Requirements - Tier 4 Student Visa requirements](#) [English for Creative](#)

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If you need further information about applying to postgraduate level study, email admissions@gsa.ac.uk

If you have a question about an existing application, email registry@gsa.ac.uk