

RESEARCH DEGREES APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS - M.Arch 30 & M.S.A.S.

Application to the M.S.A.S. and M.Arch 30 credit programs requires input and approval by at least one faculty member in the Department of Architecture. An on-campus interview is strongly recommended. If you cannot visit us prior to submitting your application, you must establish some other form of communication with your proposed faculty sponsor(s). Applications are due January 1. Any materials received after this date will be reviewed as departmental resources permit.

The following items are required for application:

- **Graduate College Application**
Available at: www.iastate.edu/~adm_info/isuapp.html
- **Architecture Department Application:** http://www.design.iastate.edu/ARCH/FILEDIR/RESEARCH_apps.pdf
- **Official Transcripts**
One official transcript from each college or university attended, or currently attending, is required. These may be sent directly from the institution or may be submitted with other application items.
- **Statement of Intent**
The statement of intent should describe your background as relative to your intended focus of study. Include your personal history, interests (be specific), and reasons for applying to the program. Describe your academic as well as professional preparation for graduate study. Identify the ISU faculty member who agrees to be your major professor and provide a brief explanation of why you wish to work with that person. If you intend to work with more than one faculty member, include that information. A tentative academic program of study that you have developed with the faculty should also be in your statement.
- **Signed Statement from Faculty Sponsor**
The facilitating faculty member(s) must submit a statement verifying an agreement to work with you. This may be submitted directly to the department office by the faculty.
- **3 Letters of Recommendation**
Each letter is to be submitted in an envelope sealed by the author and written on the author's letterhead. The letters may be mailed directly from each writer or submitted by the applicant. One letter should be from a person in a design discipline and one letter should be from a faculty member in the college or university where you earned your undergraduate degree. Letters from professional employers should specify your responsibilities and the quality of your performance. All references should address your suitability for architectural study. If you are applying for a graduate assistantship, references should discuss your ability to perform such duties.
- **Portfolio**
Customize the portfolio to suit your interests and the subject matter you want to pursue. The portfolio may include design work, research reports/publications, and/or writing samples. Any format is acceptable (traditional print, CD, slides, video, etc.) but a minimum of 3 examples should be shown. Visual portfolios may include design work from all levels of academic studios, properly credited professional work, and examples of graphic design, fine arts, and /or other creative projects. Portfolios will be returned if they weigh less than 16 oz. and is accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- **GRE and TOEFL (or IELTS) Scores**
These scores will be sent directly to ISU from the testing offices. Applicants whose native language is not English and who have not earned a baccalaureate degree from a university in the USA are required to submit TOEFL (or IELTS) scores. In such cases, a minimum score of 213 (550 paper-based) on TOEFL or a 6.5 on IELTS is required for admission. There is no minimum GRE score requirement.

Submit application to:

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