MFA in Interior Design Application Requirements
Interior Design Program, College of Design, Iowa State University

Anyone applying to the Master of Fine Arts in Interior Design graduate program must meet the following requirements in addition to the minimum general requirements of the Graduate College of Iowa State University.

Application Requirements
1. Undergraduate degree in interior design or a substantially equivalent discipline.
2. Presentation of a portfolio of original work by the applicant, or slides/electronic files (PPT or PDF, or URL where work may be viewed) of the applicant’s work. At least 15 to 20 examples of art/design work must be presented.
3. Completion of the following on a separate sheet to be returned to the address below.
   a) State why you have selected Interior Design at Iowa State University for graduate study.
   b) Describe your objectives and professional goals.
   c) State your point of view in relation to the following:
      What do you believe are strong art and/or design directions today?
      Whom do you consider as outstanding contemporary artists/designers in your field of interest?
      Evaluate your knowledge of art/design/interior design history.
   d) Iowa State University makes reasonable efforts to comply with the special needs of disabled students. If you require special accommodations, please describe.
4. A current resume which includes a list of scholarships, honors, awards, exhibitions, publications, outstanding extracurricular activities, employment experience and research.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. GRE and TOEFL scores.
   The GRE is required for all applicants. International students must have a TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper) or 79 (Internet) or IELTS score of at least 6.5. Allow plenty of time for official scores to arrive at the university before the application deadline. ISU Institution Code is 6306.
7. A personal interview may be required of each candidate by the Interior Design graduate faculty.

A review of an applicant’s undergraduate transcript and portfolio or slides by the Interior Design graduate faculty will determine whether a candidate has an appropriate background for graduate study in the program. In unusual circumstances, some of the above requirements may be waived.

Application Submission
Send portfolio/slides/electronic files/website, your response to the items listed under Requirement 3 above, a current resume and letters of recommendation to the Graduate Coordinator Assistant, College of Design Business Center, 146 College of Design, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-3094. Transcripts, test scores and university graduate application should be sent directly to Graduate Admissions, Enrollment Services Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-2011, or apply online at http://www.applyweb.com/aw?isu.

Application Deadlines
Please submit your application by April 15 for anticipated fall- or spring-semester entry. All materials must be available on the deadline date or the candidate may not be considered for admission. It is the candidate’s responsibility to check to make sure all his/her materials are on file in the Interior Design Program.

All graduate program areas in the College of Design have enrollment limits due to studio facilities and number of faculty per area. Should space be unavailable in the MFA in Interior Design program, a student may reapply the following year or request that his/her application be reviewed by graduate faculty in another program area. Fewer spaces are available for spring-semester entry.