

# Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

## Application Requirements

College of Design  
Iowa State University

Anyone applying to the **Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design** graduate program must meet the following requirements in addition to the minimum general requirements of the Graduate College of Iowa State University. The GRE is not required by the Graphic Design Department.

Applicants should have undergraduate/graduate preparation; equivalent professional work comparable to the department's undergraduate program in graphic design; or substantial preparation in a relevant field.

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<http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/programs/apresults.php?id=54>

1. **ISU Graduate College Admission Application:**  
[www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/graduate.php](http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/graduate.php)
2. **Application Fee** (\$60 for U.S. residents, \$100 for international applicants)
3. **Official Academic Transcripts**
4. **International Applicants English Proficiency Minimums:**  
TOEFL Paper (PBT): 550 ; TOEFL Internet (iBT): 79  
IELTS: 6.5  
PTE: 53
5. **Portfolio** Original work by the applicant (PDF or Website only) containing at least 15 but no more than 30 images or examples of art/design work. One project must demonstrate and explain through images and text your design process. Any PDF should be formatted as 8.5x11 or A4, and 15mb or less.
6. **Statement of Interest** Must address each of the below (500 words maximum).
  - a) State why you have selected Graphic Design at Iowa State University for graduate study.
  - b) Describe your specific objectives and professional goals.
  - c) Describe how graduate study will help you attain those goals.
  - d) Detail your proposed area of study, the questions you seek to address, and which faculty you'd like to work with and why.
7. **Resumé** Include a list of scholarships, honors, awards, exhibitions, publications, outstanding extracurricular activities, employment experience and research.
8. **3 Letters of Recommendation** To be submitted via the ISU Graduate College Admission Application, these recommendations should come from 3 individuals who can speak most directly about your ability to complete graduate level coursework & teaching duties. These individuals can be from your educational or professional background.

A personal interview may be requested of each applicant by the Graphic Design graduate faculty.

### **Application Deadline**

There are two priority deadlines for graduate admission to the Master of Fine Arts program; Any applications received after the priority deadline will be reviewed only as program resources permit:

**February 1** if applying for an assistantship; Fall-semester entry

**April 1** for anticipated Fall-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 Graphic 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 Graphic Design program, a student may reapply the following year or request that his/her application be reviewed by graduate faculty in another program area.

Transcripts 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.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/graduate.php>

### **More Information**

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