

Iowa State University – Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)

Application Requirements

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree.

Application Process

We have an application process that allows you to choose a free pre-application review before submitting your completed application. You also have the option to submit a full and complete application. The priority application consideration date for fall admission and graduate assistantship or scholarship consideration is **January 15**. Applications will be accepted after that date but funding is likely not available for late applicants.

Two-phase Application Option

If choosing the two-phase application, you must complete phase 2 (full application) by the above deadline to receive first consideration for admission. Applications will continually be accepted and evaluated until the cohort is full.

- **Phase 1 - Pre-application:** Please apply for pre-admission review at www.iastate.edu/apply. When you select "Landscape Architecture," you will be automatically directed to complete the pre-application or the full application. If you wish to receive an initial evaluation, please use the pre-application. We require the following during the pre-application phase:
 - **Completed pre-application**
 - **Official Academic Transcripts**
 - **Official English proficiency exam scores** (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo)
 - **Statement of Interest**
Must address each of the below (500 words maximum).
 - State why you have selected Landscape Architecture at Iowa State University for graduate study.
 - Describe your specific objectives and professional goals.
 - Describe how graduate study will help you attain those goals.
 - Detail your proposed area of study, the questions you seek to address, and which faculty you'd like to work with and why.
 - **Resumé** Include a list of scholarships, honors, awards, exhibitions, publications, outstanding extracurricular activities, employment experience and research.
 - **Pre-application Fee:** Free
- **Phase 2 –** If you are accepted through phase 1, you will be invited to complete the rest of your admission application. It will be at this time we require submission of the following additional materials, in addition to completing the admission application:
 - **Portfolio**
Original work by the applicant (PDF or Website only) containing **no more than 25 pages** of art, design or creative work. We understand that students with backgrounds in environmental science may not have extensive portfolio work; please contact the Director of Graduate Education for advice. Portfolio PDFs should be 20mb or less and either US letter, US Tabloid, A4, or A3 (landscape or portrait).
 - **Writing Sample:** This should be approximately 10 pages in length and may be an academic paper from a course, a professional report, or a portion of a longer document.
 - **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.
- **Application fee** \$60 for domestic applicants; \$100 for international applicants
- **Additional requirements for international applicants:**
 - **Financial Statement** *Please wait to submit until you receive an admission decision*

Full Application Option (skip the free pre-application review and submit a complete application)

If choosing to submit a full and complete application without going through the free pre-application review process, **all materials listed above for both phase 1 and phase 2** must be submitted to www.iastate.edu/apply prior to the above deadlines for full consideration.

The MLA admissions committee may request a personal interview with applicants to determine admission or funding.

Application Deadline

There are two priority deadlines for graduate admission to the MLA program, one for fall and one for spring admission; any applications received after the priority deadline will be reviewed as program resources permit:

January 15 if applying for an assistantship; Fall-semester entry

October 15 for anticipated Spring-semester entry (for accelerated or exceptional candidates; assistantships usually not available for mid-year admission).

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 ensure their materials have been uploaded.

Apply online at <http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/graduate.php>; Official Transcripts should be sent directly to Graduate Admissions, Enrollment Services Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-2011, or

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