Iowa State University Architecture Graduate Programs

Application Guidelines for the MArch and M.S. in Architecture

The priority application deadline for both programs is **January 4**. Any applications received after the priority deadline will be reviewed only as program resources permit.

INSTRUCTIONS: http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/programs/apresults.php?id=18

REQUIRED ITEMS:

❑ **ISU Graduate College Admission Application**: www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/graduate.php

❑ **Application Fee** ($60 for U.S. residents, $100 for international applicants)

❑ **Official Academic Transcripts**

❑ **Architecture Departmental Application Form**: www.design.iastate.edu/architecture/files/MArch_Application_2011.pdf

❑ **Three (3) Letters of Recommendation**
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. You may choose to have either an electronic or paper recommendation submitted; however, electronic is preferred. When you complete the ISU Graduate College Admission Application, there is a section where you can indicate the names and email addresses for your three references. When you submit your application, those three individuals will receive an email notification from ISU Admissions with a link to the recommendation form. When they complete and submit the form online, it will automatically be tied back to your electronic application.

❑ **Statement of Academic and Professional Interests**
Include your interests, career goals, and reasons for applying to the program. Describe academic as well as professional preparation. Be specific when describing your areas of interest. (500 words maximum)

❑ **Portfolio**
Include a minimum of 5 examples of your creative work. This can be architectural, artistic, craft, photography or any medium that helps us understand how you connect your thinking and making. Please format it to be sized 8.5" x 11" or A4 (maximum). Digital submission is preferred. When you reach the last page of your admission application, you will have the option to upload up to 5 PDF documents with a maximum size of 20 MB per document. If your portfolio is larger than that, you may email it to the College of Design's application processor Mona Pett (mpett@iastate.edu) or share it with her through a cloud-based sharing application, such as box.com.

❑ **GRE and TOEFL/IELTS Scores**
The GRE general exam is required of all applicants, except for individuals who earned their undergraduate degree from Iowa State University. There is no minimum score required for admission. Allow plenty of time for official scores to arrive at the university before the application deadline: 2 weeks for computer-based exam and 4-6 weeks for paper-based. **ISU Institution Code = 6306 | Architecture Department Code = 4401**

The TOEFL or IELTS is required for applicants whose native language is not English. This requirement may be waived if a bachelor's or master's degree was received from a school in the USA or another country where English is the only official language. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), 79 (internet-based), or an IELTS score of 6.5 is required for admission is required. **Institution Code = 6306 | Architecture Department Code = 12**

❑ **Research Proposal (*for M.S. applicants only*)**
Please submit a research prospectus of 3-5 pages detailing your proposed area of study, the question you seek to address, a preliminary methodology, and a bibliography of relevant literature.

You should discuss your proposal with a member of the Department Faculty prior to application. The Admissions committee will take into account that faculty member's recommendation in their decision regarding admission.