

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are some frequently asked questions raised by potential applicants:

1. What supporting documents do I need to submit?

I. After submitting the online application via the University's online application system (<https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-2122>), within one day, applicants will receive an email from the Faculty with login ID and password to access the Faculty's MArch Application Documents Submission System (<https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/Admission/MArch>). Please upload the below list of supporting documents to the MArch Application Documents Submission System by **12:00 noon (GMT+8), December 31, 2020**. Please do not encrypt the supporting documents.

- a) HKID copy (with watermark) for local applicants or passport copy for non-local applicants
- b) Curriculum vitae (inclusive of publications and academic awards, if any)
- c) Official transcripts
- d) Graduation certificate (if any)
- e) Test Report of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (if you have not been studying in the university in which the courses are taught in English).
- f) A portfolio with no more than 20 pages of creative work related to landscape orientation in PDF format. Proper credit and context must be given for all work related to author, collaborators, and professional office in which the work was completed or academic course and instructor for which the work was completed, where appropriate. The maximum file size is 30MB.
- g) A written statement of interest (500 words maximum). you should
 - i. describe why you want to attend the Master of Architecture Programme at HKU and identify specific aspects of the programme or the context of Hong Kong that have influenced your decision to apply;
 - ii. describe an academic project or professional experience that has shaped the way you approach architecture or urbanism; and
 - iii. identify a topic or architecture or urbanism that you would like to explore in greater depth in your graduate studies at HKU.

Applicants will only be requested to submit hard copies of supporting documents when they receive an admission offer. Therefore, please do not submit hard copies to the Faculty Office before you receive the offer.

II. Applicants have to appoint two referees, preferably one previous teacher and one professional employer, via the University's online application system (<https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-2122>). At least one academic reference is required.

Both of your referees will be requested to complete an online referee report and upload a reference letter via a separate email sent by the Faculty.

2. What are the basic requirements for admission?

To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate:

- a) shall comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- b) shall possess a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies degree of this University; or another equivalent qualification from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
- c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to high degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b);
- d) shall satisfy the examiners in qualifying examination if required.
- e) A candidate should upload all the required supporting documents, in forms of soft-copy, to the Faculty's MArch Application Documents Submission System before the application deadline

3. How can I fulfill the University's English Language Proficiency requirement if the medium of instruction in my University is not English?

An applicant is required to obtain:

- (a) a score of 550 or above (paper-based test) or 80 or above (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL; University TOEFL code: 9671) ; or
- (b) a minimum overall band of 6 with no subtest lower than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Test scores obtained more than 2 years will not be accepted.

4. Is there any GPA requirement of my Bachelor degree?

There is no absolute GPA requirement set for the admission to the MArch programme. However, an applicant with good academic results will be more favorable to his/her application.

5. Is practical work experience essential for my application?

Practical work experience is not an essential requirement for admission. However, preference will be given to those applicants with professional experience that has shaped their practical and intellectual capacity in a positive manner.

6. Will my application be rejected if the supporting documents can't be submitted before the application deadline?

Our MArch Application Documents Submission System will be closed at **12:00 noon (GMT+8), December 31, 2020**. Therefore, you are strongly requested to submit your supporting documents before the deadline. Otherwise, the chance for admission will definitely be slim due to incomplete supporting documents submission.

7. Is there any interview required for the programme?

Starting from 2020 intake, in light of the COVID-19 situation, shortlisted applicants may be invited for the admission online interview via ZOOM between February to July. The detailed interview arrangement would be sent to shortlisted applicants via email.

8. What is the fee structure of the programme?

The exact composition fee for 2021-22 intake is yet to be confirmed. Below is the table for the estimated composition fee for 2021-22 intake:

Local Students:	HK\$84,550 inclusive of the caution money (HK\$350)
Non-local Students:	HK\$342,350 inclusive of the caution money (HK\$350)
Remarks:	
a) Non-local students are those that students holding: Students holding – <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. student visa / entry permit to study in Hong Kong;2. dependent visa / entry permit and were aged 18 years old or above when they were issued such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR; or3. visa under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG), issued by the Director of Immigration of the Hong Kong Immigration Department.	
b) The composition fee is pending on the UGC's final decision and the University's announcement.	
c) The aforementioned composition fees are paid in 4 installments during 2 years of study.	

8. Are there any scholarships available?

Those candidates who are successfully admitted to our MArch programme will have opportunities to be nominated to award the following scholarships/prizes:

E. Bruzzone Memorial Travelling Scholarship, Rev. Fr.
Eric Lye Memorial Travelling Scholarship
FoA Scholarships for Architecture Students
HKIA Students Medal
Jardine / Henry Lo Scholarship
P & T Travel Scholarship
Professor KC Lye Design Prizes in Architecture
Rev. Fr.E Bruzzone Memorial Travelling Scholarship
Szeto Wai Architecture Scholarship
The Nascence Scholarship
Wharf Architectural Design Internship
Wong Tung & Partners Scholarship

More details regarding the scholarship opportunities are available at <http://www.scholarships.hku.hk/>.

When do I need to pay for the admission deposit?

You are liable to pay for the admission deposit upon acceptance of conditional offer. Below is the table for the estimated admission deposit amounts for 2021-22 intake:

Local Students:	HK\$21,400 inclusive of the caution money (HK\$350)
Non-local Students:	HK\$85,850 inclusive of the caution money (HK\$350)
Remarks: a) Non-local students are those who are holding – 1. student visa / entry permit to study in Hong Kong; 2. dependent visa / entry permit and were aged 18 years old or above when they were issued such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR; or 3. visa under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG), issued by the Director of Immigration of the Hong Kong Immigration Department. b) The composition fee is pending on the UGC's final decision and the University's announcement.	

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