ARCHITECTURE

About Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture

The Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture at McGill University offers a professional Master of Architecture program, an M.Sc. in Architecture program, and a Ph.D. program.

The **M.Arch. Professional** requires the equivalency of the B.Sc.(Arch.) degree for admittance. The M.Arch. Professional program is accredited by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) and is recognized as accredited by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) in the U.S.

The **M.Sc. in Architecture** is a non-accredited degree. It is oriented toward students who already hold a professional degree in architecture and wish to acquire advanced research training. Students who hold degrees in other disciplines and wish to pursue research that engages design and architecture are also welcome to apply.

The **Ph.D. program** is for study beyond the professional degree in architecture. The program has been conceived to respond to the needs of graduates with some professional experience who wishes to acquire more specialized knowledge in architecture. More information about the Ph.D. program can be found on the Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture website.

Architectural Certification in Canada

The M.Arch. (Professional) degree is accredited by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), and is recognized as accredited by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) in the USA.

In Canada, the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) is the sole agency authorized by the Regulatory Organization of Architecture in Canada (ROAC) to accredit Canadian professional degree programs in architecture for the purposes of architectural licensure.

Architecture Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

Admission Requirements

M.Arch. (Professional) Program (Non-Thesis)

Applicants holding the McGill B.Sc.(Arch.) degree, or equivalent, with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, are eligible to apply for admission.

M.Sc.

Candidates are required to have obtained a bachelor's degree to apply to the master's program.

Ph.D.

Candidates who have an adequate background at the master's level in the proposed area of research are eligible to apply to this program and will be admitted to Ph.D. 2 with the stipulation of additional courses, if necessary.

A working knowledge of a language or languages relevant to the area of research is required.

Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply.

See University Regulations & Resources > Graduate > Graduate Admissions and Application Procedures > Application Procedures for detailed application procedures.

Additional Requirements

The items and clarifications below are additional requirements set by this department:

Professional Master of Architecture

- Curriculum vitae
- Applicants are required to upload unofficial transcripts from all universities previously attended (including summer term, exchange term, or study-away term). If you are recommended for admission, you will later be required to supply official transcripts. Transcripts in languages other than English or French must be accompanied by an English or French translation provided by the institution issuing the transcript or by a certified translator. Please refer to mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/applying-mcgill/documents.
- A total of two (2) confidential letters of reference are required for your application: two (2) from academics **or** one (1) from an academic and one (1) from a recent employer. Once you have identified your referees (you must provide a valid institutional email address for each referee), McGill will send them an email asking for a reference in support of your application. Additionally, uploaded letters must be on university or company/business stationery and the referee must indicate their position and full contact information at the institution. Please refer to mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/applying-mcgill/documents.
- Once accepted to the M.Arch. Professional program, students will benefit from faculty expertise within the School in the areas of History and Theory of Architecture; Cultural Landscape Studies; Affordable and Sustainable Housing; Computation and Fabrication; High-performance Visualization; Minimum Cost Housing; Gender, Sexuality, and Space; Design and Health; Urban Design; Landscape Urbanism; Architectural Representation; Urban Agriculture; Vernacular Architecture; Reurbanization.
- Completed Program Comparison Chart (newly updated excel file at number six on the school's application procedures webpage) mcgill.ca/architecture/programs/professional/prospective-students/application-procedures.

  Note: Not required by graduates from McGill University B.Sc. (Arch.), Université de Montréal B.Sc.(Arch), Université Laval (B.Sc.Arch.), Toronto Metropolitan University (B.Arch.Sc.), Laurentian University (B.A.S. – Bachelor of Arch. Studies), University of Waterloo (B.Arch.Studies.), University of Manitoba (B.Env.Design), Carleton University (Bachelor of Arch. Studies - Design).
- Course calendar descriptions of previous college and/or university studies must be submitted in addition to the Program Comparison Chart.

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- A comprehensive e-portfolio (.pdf format, max. 15 MB, due no later than December 15) that may include the following: selected work from previous design studios; examples of project work from other courses; examples of freehand drawing and sketching; examples of professional work: sketches, drawings, images of models, photographs of built work (professional work includes work carried out while employed in architects' offices, as well as personal projects; please identify the architect(s) and your own roles in each project illustrated).

Note: Please indicate, where applicable, if a project is an individual or group project.

M.Sc. and Ph.D.

- Two-page curriculum vitae including a section on research experience and accomplishments (publications, presentations, exhibitions, participation in funded projects, etc.). Links and/or DOIs should be provided where applicable.
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- For M.Sc. applicants, a two-page research statement, plus up to a page of bibliographical references is required. The research statement should indicate research interests and capacities, a proposed topic and a detailed explanation of why and with whom they wish to study in the School of Architecture.
- For Ph.D. applicants, a four-page research statement plus up to a page of bibliographical references is required, indicating research interests and capacities, a proposed topic and a detailed explanation of why and with whom they wish to study in the School of Architecture.
- Written work: a sample of the applicant's written work, drawn from essays, papers, or other work previously submitted for academic evaluation or publication, and falling within the desired field of graduate study.
- Proof of English language proficiency: Applicants to graduate studies whose mother tongue is not English and who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction or from a recognized Canadian institution (anglophone or francophone), must submit documented proof of competency in oral and written English. Before acceptance, appropriate exam results must be submitted directly from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) Office. An institutional version of the TOEFL is not acceptable. Applications will not be considered if a TOEFL or IELTS test result is not available. For the TOEFL, a minimum overall score of 86 is required on the Internet-based test (iBT), with each component score (i.e., reading, writing, speaking, listening) not less than 20 (the TOEFL Institution Code for McGill University is 0935.) For the IELTS, a minimum overall band score of 6.5 is required. For further information, please refer to mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/you-apply-mcgill/proficiency.

More information is available on the Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture website.

Application Dates and Deadlines

Application opening dates are set by Enrolment Services in consultation with Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), while application deadlines are set by the Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture and may be revised at any time. Applicants must verify all deadlines and documentation requirements well in advance on the appropriate McGill departmental website; please consult the list at mcgill.ca/gps/contact/graduate-program.

Information on application deadlines is available at mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/you-apply-mcgill/application-deadlines.

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

Available Programs

- Architecture (Ph.D.)
- Architecture (Thesis) (M.Sc.) (45 credits)
- Professional Master of Architecture (Non-Thesis) (M.Arch.) (60 credits)

Location

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