

Master of Letters in Curatorial Practice (Contemporary Art)



Guidelines for Applicants

Academic Entry Requirements

- Normally a UK Bachelors honours degree (or its international equivalent) in a relevant/ related subject that gives appropriate grounding for postgraduate study.
- If you do not meet these academic entry requirements, we may still consider your application on the basis of your portfolio and or relevant professional experience.
- We seek to enrol self-motivated students who are determined critical thinkers, professionally orientated and understand that their commitment to the programme is a significant investment in their future.

Where can I find out more about the programme?

- You can meet GSA in-person and online for Advice & Introductions at Open Days and during more informal Meet your Department sessions taking place throughout the year.
- You can find useful information about the MLitt programme via the weblinks below. You should be aware of the focus of the programme you are applying to, its structure and content, as well as the opportunities available to you during your studies. It is important to make sure that the programme you are applying to meets your expectations.

[Programme overview on GSA website](#)

[Programme and course specifications](#)

Deadline dates

- The programme begins in September. Although there are no application deadlines early application is encouraged in order to ensure a place on the programme.
- **Guaranteed Review**
- All complete applications received by the Standard 1 deadline to apply of **26 January 2024** will be reviewed. Where programmes are over-subscribed, we cannot guarantee to review applications received after this date.
- Applications are reviewed on a cyclical basis from October – August as shown below. Your application will need to be complete (part 1 and 2) by the date shown to enter the next review.
- **GSA scholarships**
Students wishing to apply for a GSA scholarship should ensure their application is submitted by the Standard 2 deadline of **8 March 2024**. This ensures they have time to receive an offer of their place, this is required in advance of submitting scholarship application.

	Final date for applicants to submit application	Final date for decision to be with applicant
Early	10 November 2023	8 December 2023
Standard 1	26 January 2024	8 March 2024
Standard 2	8 March 2024	26 April 2024
Late	7 June 2024	19 July 2024
	Applications received after 19 th July 2024	Rolling basis after 19 th July 2024
	Final date for applicants requiring a visa 26 July 2024	

Application Process

- Your application will be forwarded to assessors when you have submitted:
 - A completed postgraduate application form
 - A personal statement

In addition you will be required to submit:

- Evidence of academic qualifications
- Two academic referees
- If English is not your first language, you will be expected to provide evidence of attainment equivalent to International English Language Test (IELT) for UKVI Academic from a UKVI approved test centre. We require a score of 6.5 overall, with a minimum of 5.5 in each component. GSA's preferred test is the IELTS for UKVI (Academic) test taken at a UKVI approved test centre. A full list of [UKVI approved test centres](#) and [other tests](#) that may be presented are available on the GSA website.
- A copy of your passport (if applicable)

We would prefer all additional information to be sent at the same time as the application form and personal statement.

Personal Statement

- Your statement should consist of no more than 500 words. Statements that are longer may not be fully read.

It should be a genuine reflection on why you are interested in pursuing a career in curating and give a clear sense of the key areas you wish to explore. The statement should demonstrate that you have researched the programme and indicate the reasons why you think it is best suited to the future development of your practice

- You may write about:
 - your reasons for applying to the MLitt Curatorial Practice programme.
 - your interests and experiences within your practice;
 - what you hope to gain by studying on the programme;
 - what you will contribute to the MLitt
 - how undertaking the programme corresponds with your future ambitions.

Assessment Criteria

Application Form and Statement

Applications are assessed against the following criteria:

- Qualifications and relevant experience.
- Quality of personal statement
- Range of skills and research interests
- Potential for development within the programme

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Interview

Interviews will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Ability to discuss work, experience and research interests.
- Awareness of broader field of contemporary curatorial practice.
- Critical Awareness of Potential for Development

Further Information

[How to apply GSA webpage](#)

[List of Postgraduate degrees at GSA GSA Open Events](#)

[Fees, Funding and Finance](#)

[Accommodation](#)

[Individual country guides](#)

[UKVI Requirements - Student Visa requirements](#)

[English for Creative Disciplines](#)

If you need further information about applying to postgraduate level study, email admissions@gsa.ac.uk

If you have a question about an existing application, email registry@gsa.ac.uk