

Graduate Admissions - Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I apply for Graduate programmes at GSA?

Please e-mail your completed application form and supporting documents to admissions@gsa.ac.uk

Alternatively, you may post or hand in your complete application and supporting documents to:

Admissions
The Glasgow School of Art
167 Renfrew Street
Glasgow
G3 6RQ

- Where do I find the application form?

The application form is available to download from the [How To Apply page](#) of the GSA website.

- Is there an application fee?

No. Applying to Graduate programmes at GSA is free of charge.

- How much are the programme fees for a Graduate programme?

Please see our [Finance page](#) for a full list of programme fees and arrangements for paying your fees.

- I would like information about funding for Graduate studies, where can I find it?

Please see our [Postgraduate Funding page](#) and our [Scholarships page](#) for information about funding a Graduate level programme.

- Am I eligible to apply for Graduate level study?

Applicants should have achieved a good honours degree (normally 2:1 or above) in a relevant subject area or have relevant professional experience.

If you are unsure if your previous qualifications/employment are relevant to the programme you wish to apply to, you should contact the department for clarification.

Architectural Studies: Kate Stewart, K.Stewart@gsa.ac.uk
Communication Design: Brian Cairns, B.Cairns@gsa.ac.uk
Creative Practices: Ranjana Thapalyal, R.Thapalyal@gsa.ac.uk
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 Fashion & Textiles: Jimmy Stephen-Cran, J.Stephen-Cran@gsa.ac.uk
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 Graphics Illustration Photography: Brian Cairns, B.Cairns@gsa.ac.uk
 Interior Design: Patrick Macklin, P.Macklin@gsa.ac.uk
 International Heritage: Daniel Livingstone, D.Livingstone@gsa.ac.uk
 Master of Fine Art: John Calcutt, J.Calcutt@gsa.ac.uk
 PG Cert Learning & Teaching: Mark Charters, M.Charters@gsa.ac.uk
 PG Cert Supervision: Laura Gonzalez, L.Gonzalez@gsa.ac.uk
 Product Design Engineering: Craig Whittet, C.Whittet@gsa.ac.uk
 Serious Games: Daniel Livingstone, D.Livingstone@gsa.ac.uk
 Sound for the Moving Image: Daniel Livingstone, D.Livingstone@gsa.ac.uk
 Visualisation: Daniel Livingstone, D.Livingstone@gsa.ac.uk

If you would like to arrange an appointment to view the department, please contact the department as above.

- Can I make an application for deferred entry?

Normally, applicants should apply for entry in the current admissions cycle. However, if you are holding an offer and your circumstances change, please let us know by e-mailing admissions@gsa.ac.uk

- When do the programmes begin?

Graduate level programmes begin in September each year.

- What are the deadlines for applying?

Although there are no application deadlines we can only guarantee to review applications received before 30 January. Applications received after this date will be reviewed subject to available space. Early application is encouraged and for certain programmes that regularly fill up in January- e.g our MFA programme- this is advised in order to avoid disappointment.

Registry Actions	Complete Applications Advisory Date	Initial Review in Department (& invitation to interview)	Interviews and Final Decisions Communicated to Registry	Applicant to receive final decision no later than
24 Nov – 7 Jan	9 January 2015	16 January	23 January	23/28 January
12 Jan- 28 Jan	30 January 2015	6 February	13 February	13/18 February
2 Feb- 18 Feb	20 February 2015	27 February	6 March	6/11 March
23 Feb- 11 Mar	13 March 2015	20 March	27 March	27 Mar/ 1 Apr
16 Mar-1 Apr	3 April 2015	10 April	17 April	17/22 Apr
7 Apr- 22 Apr	24 April 2015	1 May	8 May	8/ 13 May
27 Apr – 13 May	22 May 2015	29 May	5 June	5/10 June
25 May – 10 Jun	12 June 2015	19 June	26 June	26 Jun/1 Jul
27 Jun- 1 Jul	3 July 2015	10 July	17 July	17/22 July
17-22 Jul	24 July 2015	31 July	7 August	7/12 Aug
8-12 Aug	14 August 2015	21 August	28 August	28 Aug/2 Sep

- What should be included in my application to GSA?

- [Completed application form](#)
- Statement of Intent
- A copy of your official degree certificate(s)
- A copy of your official academic transcript(s), showing full details of subjects studied and grades/marks obtained.
- Official English translations of the certificate(s) and transcript(s)
- Two supporting reference letters on headed paper
- Evidence of your English Language ability (if your first language is not English)
- A copy of the photo page of your passport (Non-EU students only)
- Portfolio

- What do I do if my personal details change after I have submitted my application, for example a change of address?

It is really important that you keep us up to date with any changes to your personal details. Please e-mail admissions@gsa.ac.uk to notify us of any changes.

- I have e-mailed my application form and supporting documents to admissions@gsa.ac.uk but I am receiving a Non delivery report, what should I do?

The most likely reason for this is happening is that your attachments are too large. Applicants in this situation should send a Dropbox link to their application instead of attachments.

- I want to apply for more than one programme, do I need to complete a form for each programme I am applying to?

Yes. You should submit a separate application for each programme you are applying to and each application should be tailored to the specific programme.

- How long is a Graduate degree programme?

MFA and MDes Communication Design - 2 Years
All other programmes - 1 Year

- Is the MDes Graphics Illustration Photography course one programme or 3 separate programmes?

It is one programme with three specialist pathways. Applicants to the MDes Graphics Illustration Photography programme must specify on their application form which specialist pathway they wish to apply to: Graphics, Illustration or Photography.

- Is the MDes Design Innovation course one programme or 3 separate programmes?

It is one programme with three specialist pathways. Applicants to the MDes Design Innovation programme must specify on their application form which specialist pathway they wish to apply to: Service Design, Environmental Design or Citizenship.

- What are the specialist pathways for the MLitt Fine Art Practice programme?

The MLitt Fine Art Practice programme has five specialist pathways. Applicants to this programme must specify on their application form which specialist pathway they wish to apply to: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Printmaking or Photography.

- What is the difference between the Master of Fine Art and the MLitt Fine Art Practice?

The MFA is a 2 Year programme and the MLitt Fine Art Practice programme is a one year programme. Please see the Programme Specifications to see how the course content differs:

[MFA Programme Specification](#)

[MLitt Fine Art Practice Programme Specification](#)

- I am unsure about previous GSA enrolment number, what is this?

You will only have a previous GSA enrolment number if you have studied with us before. If you have never studied with us before, leave this field blank.

- What should my statement of intent include?

Your statement of intent should be approximately 500 words in length and should explain your reasons for wishing to join the programme at GSA and provide a critical self-evaluation of your work.

- Can my previous institution forward my academic transcripts/degree certificates directly to GSA?

Applicants should send a complete application pack consisting of all required documents, and this should include your Academic Transcripts and Degree Certificates. Where possible, please refrain from documents being sent from a third party. All required documents should be submitted in English.

- Who can provide a reference for me and what should it include?

Academic References can be supplied by someone who has known you in an academic capacity, such as an undergraduate tutor, director of studies, or programme leader. Where applicable, references can come from a current or recent employer. Referees should provide a reference on headed paper, giving their opinion on your creative and academic ability and suitability for postgraduate study.

- My English Language test is scheduled to take place after the deadline for application. Can I submit my application while my IELTS results are pending?

Yes. You should mark on your application form that your results are pending and state the date your test is due to take place. You should forward a copy of your results as soon as you receive them to admissions@gsa.ac.uk

- What should my portfolio consist of?

You can select one of the following two options:

Image Upload (25 individual images).

If you have chosen this option you must upload exactly 25 images, no more or less.

Maximum size of 200kb per image

Images must be one of the following file types: .gif, .jpg, .png

Before you submit your 25 images, check each image to ensure you are happy with the size and level of detail you can see as this will be what GSA Admissions staff viewing your application will also see.

You will not be able to change your images once you have submitted your 25 images.

Website link (a drop box or website link)

If you select this option a box will appear where you can type in a website address or a Dropbox link.

Please check the website or Dropbox link that you supply is correct and ensure that the images available are the images you wish the GSA Admissions staff to consider.

- How will I find out if my application has been successful?

You will receive an e-mail from GSA with the outcome of your application.

- When does the term start?

[Term Dates](#) are available in the Registry section of the GSA website.

- How will I find out about enrolment?

You will receive e-mails confirming details of enrolment. It is vital that you let us know of any change of email. Information about Enrolment is also available on the [Enrolment pages](#) of the GSA website.