THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Master of Architecture

1. Applications are invited for admission in September 2017 to read for the degree of Master of Architecture. To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:

   (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
   (b) shall hold a Bachelor of Arts (Architectural Studies) degree of the University of Hong Kong or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose; a student without an architecture degree shall not be deemed eligible for admission;
   (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.

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2. The curriculum extends over two years of full-time study offering courses on the following: architectural and urban design; architectural history and theory; design technology and building systems, and architectural management. The main feature of the curriculum is to enable students to acquire a broad range of skills in related fields, providing opportunities for student to keep pace with topical issues and to develop flexibility and mobility of thinking, coupled with a greater degree of initiative, innovation and self-reliance. The other feature is to place greater emphasis on project work congruent with the essential features of architectural professional practice and to closely link formal teaching to practice.

3. Applications for a taught postgraduate programme can be submitted via our online application system at http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-1718.

4. The University Grants Committee (UGC) has ruled that non-local students admitted to UGC-funded UG and TPG programmes will be charged a higher than standard tuition fee. According to the UGC’s definition, non-local students are “person entering Hong Kong for the purpose of education with a student visa/entry permit issued by the Director of Immigration”. Tuition fee for local students and non-local students will be subjected to review on a per annum basis.
5.  **M.Arch Applicant’s Checklist**  
Please submit the following via soft-copy and hard-copy by: **12:00 noon (HKT), February 1, 2017**

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<th>(i) Soft-copy Submission</th>
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<td>☐ 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. A portfolio should be submitted via an online system: <a href="https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchAdmission">https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchAdmission</a>. The maximum file size is 30MB.</td>
<td>☐ Official transcripts of academic record and graduation certificate from your college or university showing degree earned or anticipated. If official transcripts are not available at the time of applications, progress transcript must be submitted. Other transcripts only for relevant courses. Please upload the transcripts to an online system and send them to the Faculty of Architecture’s postal address.</td>
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<td>☐ Two letters of reference, preferably one by previous teacher and one by professional employer. At least one academic reference is required. Referees should use and submit the designated form via an online system: <a href="https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchReferee/">https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchReferee/</a>. Referees should complete an online evaluation form in addition to submitting a signed soft-copy (PDF) letter of recommendation with their institutional/company letterhead.</td>
<td>☐ Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) should be submitted to an online system and sent directly by the Educational Testing Service. (if you have not been studying in the university in which the courses are taught in English). Please note that the University’s TOFEL code is 9671.</td>
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| ☐ A written statement of interest (500 words maximum) should be submitted via an online system: [https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchAdmission](https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchAdmission). It should include the following: -  
  (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. | ☐ (iii) Hard-copy Submission  
☑ Proof of your identity (i.e. a copy of an identity card or a copy of a valid passport). |
| ☐ Curriculum vitae (inclusive of publications and academic awards, if any) with a maximum length of 5 pages should be submitted via an online system (Optional submission): [https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchAdmission](https://extranet.ad.arch.hku.hk/MArchAdmission). | Postal Address: Ms Money Lam, Faculty of Architecture, Room 415, 4/F, Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong (Ref.: MArch) |
| ☐ A fully completed online application form available at [http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-1718](http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-1718). | ☐ A non-refundable application fee of HK$300 should be made online at [http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-1718](http://www.aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme-list-1718) by credit card (VISA or MASTERCARD only). |

* **Detailed soft-copy submission guidelines and login details will be sent to the applicants and referees respectively via email within one day upon completion of online application. It is crucial that the applicants have to input accurate information on their online application form. Any inaccurate information may cause email delivery failures and unavailable access to online submission systems.**

6.  Applicants shall be notified of their application results no later than August 15, 2017. If after this date, notification has not been received, please contact Ms Money Lam of the Faculty Office at 2219 4923.

7.  Further information on the above programme can be viewed at: [http://www.arch.hku.hk/](http://www.arch.hku.hk/).
The following are some frequently asked questions raised by potential applicants:

1. What are the basic requirements for admission?

To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:

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(d) shall satisfy the examiners in qualifying examination if required;
(e) submit all the required documents in forms of soft-copy and/or hard-copy before the application deadline.

2. 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)

The score report of TOEFL/IELTS should be sent to our Faculty Office directly by the Educational Testing Service before the specified application deadline. Test scores obtained more than 2 years will not be accepted.

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

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

4. 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.

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

Our admissions review panel will start to review the applications shortly after the application deadline. Applicants are highly advised to submit all the supporting documents on time. We will try to pass those lately submitted documents to the admissions review panel for consideration. However, we can’t guarantee that late materials will be reviewed.

6. Is there any interview required for the programme?

There is no interview required for the MArch programme. However, we will invite those shortlisted applicants whose undergraduate degree is not taught in English or for applicants who have scores on the low-end of TOEFL or IELTS scales to attend the phone/skype interviews between March to July. Those applicants will be informed of the interview arrangement via email.

7. What is the fee structure of the programme?

The exact tuition fee for 2017-18 intake is yet to be confirmed. The fee shall be payable in 4 installments over two years of full-time study. You may refer to the following table regarding the tuition fee for 2016-17 intake as reference:

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Remarks: Non-local students are those that require a student visa to study in Hong Kong. Local students are those who DO NOT require student visa to study in Hong Kong.