GRADUATE APPLICATION GUIDE

Thank you for your interest in applying to the College of Architecture at Illinois Institute of Technology. We look forward to reviewing your application materials. In order for your application to be given full consideration it is important to abide by the requirements outlined below. For the graduate degree programs to achieve their objectives, it is necessary to restrict the number of admitted students. All applicants are considered on a competitive basis, with every effort made to select outstanding candidates.

Upon beginning your application you will be sent an email containing a link to set your password. Please note: your email address will also be your username throughout the process. You will provide all information and documents before submitting your application (excluding test scores and letters of recommendation). Students are only required to mail a hard-copy of their portfolio to the following address: IIT College of Architecture, Graduate Admission, S.R. Crown Hall, 3360 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60616-3793.

We encourage you to reference the College of Architecture website, arch.iit.edu, for additional information about our programs. If you have questions during the application process, contact our office at arch@iit.edu or 312.567.3230.

REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS
All of the following items must be on file with the College of Architecture before an admission decision will be made. Please check individual program descriptions for any additional program specific requirements.

1. AN APPLICATION FORM completed online at http://bit.ly/IITGraduateApplication.

2. ORIGINAL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS or certified “true copies” indicating degree(s) awarded, course titles, credit hours, and grades or scores earned from all graduate and undergraduate schools attended. All transcripts must bear an original signature and seal, either of the issuing institution or a notary public, and must have been issued within a year of the application date. Student copies of documents are not accepted.

If an applicant’s current degree program is in progress, he/she may be conditionally admitted subject to receipt of a final transcript verifying the degree awarded. A final official transcript with degree posted must be submitted within 30 days of the first day of classes.

3. GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) scores are required for all graduate applicants. GRE scores are valid for five years and must have been taken five years prior to the application deadline for the particular program. Meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission. Required minimum GRE scores (taken after August 1, 2011): 292 (quantitative + verbal) and 2.5 (analytical writing). Required minimum GRE scores (taken prior to August 1, 2011): 900 (quantitative + verbal) and 2.5 (analytical writing). Please allow two to four weeks from the date of your test or score request for delivery and processing of your scores. Your application status will be updated when we receive them.

4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION are required and should be from individuals who are able to assess your academic and/or career achievements and potential. Recommenders may include individuals such as professors or employers but may not include family members. Letters of recommendation must be submitted through the Applicant Portal. You will submit the recommender’s name and email address during the application process, and they will receive an electronic invitation to then submit a letter in PDF format. You will not have access to the submitted letters of recommendation.

5. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS: List any professional, community, and/or academic activities, and/or achievements. Include any awards, scholarships, and/or fellowships, in addition to a list of courses taken and grades earned.

6. A PORTFOLIO is required for all applicants. Your portfolio must be submitted at the time you complete your application. See instructions for guidelines. Students are only required to mail a hard-copy of their portfolio to the following address: IIT College of Architecture, Graduate Admission, S.R. Crown Hall, 3360 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60616-3793.

DEGREE REQUIREMENT
For admission as a degree-seeking graduate student, applicants must have or expect to complete before the start of the term, a four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited educational institution with at least a B average (GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent).
International applicants must have or expect to complete before the start of the term, a degree which is equivalent to a four year U.S. bachelor’s degree. If we are unable to determine the equivalency of an international degree, applicants may be asked to have their degree evaluated by an outside organization.

The post-professional programs require applicants to hold a professional, accredited 5 year Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) degree or Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree, which must be from a NAAB accredited institution if earned within the United States. Applicants to the post-professional programs with a degree earned outside of the United States must have the equivalent to a first professional degree in architecture and be eligible for licensure in their home country.

Applicants to the doctoral program must hold a professional Master of Architecture degree (M. Arch.), Master of Science (M.S. Arch) or Master of Landscape Architecture from a NAAB accredited U.S. university or the equivalent. Candidates who have not completed the required professional M.Arch. degree may apply for either the Master of Science in Architecture or the Master of Architecture program at IIT to fulfill that requirement, as a non-terminal program of studies preparatory for the doctoral program.

Please direct your GRE scores to the appropriate location: IIT’s institution code is 1318; no department code is required.
For more information on the GRE, call 866.473.4373 (U.S. & Canada) or 609.771.7670 (all other locations) or visit www.gre.org

IIT ARCHITECTURE CHICAGO
S. R. CROWN HALL
3360 S. STATE STREET
CHICAGO IL 60616
ARCH@IIT.EDU
5. **A PORTFOLIO DEMONSTRATING YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXPERTISE** is required for all admissions, including for those students without an architecture background. The portfolio must be a bound, paper-based submission and should not exceed 8.5 x 11 inches, and must be mailed directly to the College of Architecture. More details can at [http://bit.ly/IITCoAPortfolioGuide](http://bit.ly/IITCoAPortfolioGuide).

6. **A PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT** describing your motivations for graduate study at IIT, which includes your goals while a student as well as your future professional goals. The professional statement should be approximately 500 words in length (one to two pages). If applicable, please include any special topics of study.

7. **A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE** of $60 must be submitted by all first time applicants. IIT must receive this fee before considering your application. This fee will not be applied toward tuition charges.

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**

International applicants must meet all of the general requirements listed above as well as the following additional requirements.

1. **ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS** of transcripts are required for applicants whose institutions do not issue transcripts in English. The translation must be certified by a consular official or person authorized to translate documents. The translator’s original signature and seal are required and original foreign transcripts must be submitted with the translation. Individual mark sheets must be included if individual course titles and grades are not listed.

2. **TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL) SCORES** are required for applicants from non-English speaking countries or applicants holding degrees from institutions at which the primary language of instruction was NOT English. International applicants with degrees from institutions where the primary language of instruction was English are NOT required to submit TOEFL scores; however, documentation verifying that the primary language of instruction was English will be requested. The TOEFL must have been taken within the two years prior to the annual application deadline for the particular program. The required minimum TOEFL score is 550/80 (paper based/internet based test score). Based on the results of the exam, you may be required to complete additional English courses at IIT at the current tuition rate.

3. **A FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT FORM** is required for international applicants needing a student visa to study in the U.S. Applicants will need to submit a Financial Affidavit of Support covering the full costs of the program for one academic year (9 months). The Financial Affidavit of Support form must be properly completed, certified, signed by all relevant individuals, and returned to IIT before an I-20 or DS-2019 can be issued. A certified bank statement may be submitted in place of Section 3 of the Financial Affidavit of Support form and must include an official signature and seal.

4. **COPY OF PASSPORT IDENTITY PAGE** must be submitted through the Applicant Portal. This documentation aids in efficient processing of your I-20, if you are admitted.

5. **SCHOOL TRANSFER FORM (International Transfer Applicants Only)** must be submitted by any international student currently studying on an F-1 visa who intends to transfer to IIT from another institution in the United States. It indicates the release of your I-20 by your current institution, permitting IIT to create a new I-20 for you.

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**FALL 2016 APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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**ADMISSION DECISIONS**

Applicants submitting their materials by the Priority deadlines will be notified of their admission decision in March. IIT cannot be held responsible if, for any reason, the student fails to receive a decision letter in time to enroll for a particular term.
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TUITIONS AND FEES
MASTERS PROGRAMS
Students in the masters level graduate architecture programs take between 15-18 credit hours per semester. Tuition is charged per credit hour. The estimated expenses below are based upon the 2015-2016 tuition rate, with an estimated increase of 5-7% each year.

2015-2016 ESTIMATED EXPENSES/9 months
TUITION: 30 credits at $1,313 per credit   $39,390
FEES: health insurance, service, CTA, activities, model shop, orientation $4,319
ROOM AND BOARD:       $13,275
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: $56,984

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL AID
The College of Architecture offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships and fellowships. These awards are reserved for candidates who are considered to have outstanding credentials. Award decisions are determined by the Graduate Admissions Committee after an admission decision has been made. We do not require a separate application form for scholarship consideration. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified along with your admission letter.

Students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents may apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information.

HOUSING
While many graduate students choose to live off campus in independent housing, others enjoy the convenience of living on campus. The on campus facilities include graduate apartment style housing. If you are interested in living on campus, please contact the Housing Office using the information listed on the right.

MEDICAL EXAMS AND INSURANCE
Prior to matriculation, admitted students intending to enroll in the College of Architecture must meet IIT requirements for documented medical examinations and immunizations. If you would like more information, please contact the Student Health Services Office using the information listed on the right.

CAMPUS VISITS
We invite you to visit the College of Architecture to view our facilities, meet with admissions staff and see the student work in progress. Individual visits may be scheduled by contacting us at arch@iit.edu or 312.567.3230. We recommend visiting on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm when architecture design studios are in session.

PH.D. PROGRAM
Students in the Ph.D. program take a minimum of 9 credits hours per semester for full-time status. Tuition is charged per credit hour. The estimated expenses below are based upon the 2015-2016 tuition rate, with an estimated increase of 5-7% each year.

2015-2016 ESTIMATED EXPENSES/9 months
TUITION: 18 credits at $1,313 per credit  $23,634
FEES: health insurance, service, CTA, activities, model shop, orientation $4,319
ROOM AND BOARD:    $13,275
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: $43,709

For more information please contact the Office of Financial Aid using the information listed below.
IIT Office of Financial Aid
Perlstein Hall, 206
10 W 33rd Street Chicago IL 60616
finaid@iit.edu 312.567.7219
Visit www.iit.edu/financial_aid

IIT Housing Office
3241 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60616
housing@iit.edu 312.567.507
Visit www.housing.iit.edu

IIT Student Health Services
IIT Tower, Suite 3D9-1
10 W. 35th St, Chicago, IL, 60616
student.health@iit.edu 312.567.7550
Visit www.iit.edu/student_health

If you are interested in a more in-depth tour of Mies van der Rohe's campus and the significant campus architecture we encourage you to take one of the tours offered by the Mies van der Rohe Society.
Visit www.iit.edu/giving/mies/tours for more information