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Application for Graduate Studies

Entry Requirements

Please review the Design Research and Development and Digital Animation and Interactive Media MFA program overviews at <https://design.osu.edu/graduate-studies> for details on expectations and experience contributing to acceptance in the respective programs. The following information explains requirements for application that are mutual to each program. To gain admission for graduate studies, an applicant should hold a bachelor's degree in design, animation, or a closely allied field from an accredited college or university. Professional work experience is strongly advised, although not necessarily a requirement. An analysis of the candidate's undergraduate work in design and/ or animation (and any professional work) will be made to determine his or her proficiency level. Both a portfolio and four-part statement of intent are required.

Portfolio

Applicants are to submit examples of their work that will indicate the range of their experience and achievement. Such a portfolio is to be submitted online, and may take the form of electronic media, PDF documents of portfolios, research and development analysis and proposals, published papers, or any other form that demonstrates tangible results of design work. Animation movie files are required for the Digital Animation and Interactive Media application. Please do not exceed 20 examples of visual results. For the uploading process and additional information, please refer to the portfolio requirements outlined in this document.

Statement of Intent

Applicants are to describe their educational and career objectives, and their reasons for wishing to pursue graduate work in the Department of Design at The Ohio State University.

The statement of intent is not merely an autobiographic statement, and it should clearly address the four topics outlined in the instructions. Statements of Intent that do not follow the prescribed format will be rejected.

Application Procedures

Application for graduate studies in the Department of Design requires two steps for applying online:

1) Apply to the OSU Graduate School through the Graduate Admissions online application process - <http://gradadmissions.osu.edu>

All required forms and fees (including all transcripts and test scores) are submitted to the University Graduate Admissions Office via their on-line application process.

2) After completing the application requirements of the Graduate Admissions Office, the Department of Design will contact you with login information for the completion of its own online admission process. The online forms will include requests for the following information:

- Four part statement of intent with specific questions in the online form.
- Recent academic and employment experience
- Honors, awards, and other accomplishments
- Resume
- Portfolio work examples, up to 20 files as images, videos, or PDFs
- Descriptions of the portfolio work examples
- Three online references - you will submit the contact information for three references that will be automatically emailed to complete your online reference forms.
- an online application fee of \$10 USD.

The applicant will be informed by mail of the final decision of the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee and the Ohio State Graduate School.



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Portfolio Requirements

Requirements for Portfolios and Supplemental Materials

Applicants will be provided with login information to upload portfolio examples and complete the online application process once an application to OSU Graduate Admissions has been completed.

Portfolio Submission - Design Research and Development

All applicants must provide a digital portfolio of design results, to be uploaded in the online application process. Design Research and Development applicants should include 12-18 examples that support their intended area of study. The Graduate Studies Committee will accept applicants' interior design, product design, visual communication/graphic design, interactive and time-based media, or other related design areas for review.

Portfolio Submission - Digital Animation and Interactive Media

Applicants must submit video files representative of his or her experience and achievement in animation and/or interactive media. Videos may be the final work, or they may be documentation of process or installations.

All applicants will be expected to have substantial experience in 3D animation as well as a strong foundation in computing and cinematic structure. Applicants exhibiting exceptional quality in interactive media or related disciplines will be considered with advisement requiring coursework in the above foundations.

Compilations or demo reels are accepted, but if submitting complete works, please upload each individually if possible.

Do not upload high resolution (HD) videos. Use compression such as mp4 so that uploads take less time and size.

Supplemental Materials

Applicants may submit materials that document methodology and/or demonstrate your knowledge and other capabilities, such as research and development analysis, proposals or published papers that demonstrate tangible results of creative work. Such reports will be accepted as PDF documents uploaded in the online application process.

Portfolio Information Requirements

Each uploaded portfolio document will require the applicant to provide a short text description of the file. An additional form in the online application requests more in-depth descriptions of the research and concept development process for selected portfolio examples.

For questions, please contact:

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Applicants will be contacted if there are any problems with viewing uploaded files.



Candidate's Statement of Intent

Requirements for the Statement of Intent

The format of the Statement of Intent must be strictly adhered to. Those that do not follow the prescribed format will be rejected.

The statement of intent is submitted as part of the Department of Design's online application process.

Each of the four questions are answered independently in the online forms.

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Statement of Intent Questions

- 1) The Department's Masters programs are research-oriented degrees requiring a substantial commitment to graduate-level study and reflection. Please provide a research statement that details the area of research you intend to pursue in your Masters studies (up to 150 words).
- 2) Clearly define your reasons for applying specifically to The Ohio State University's Department of Design as the academic home for your studies. (up to 300 words)
- 3) Address specific collaborative, multidisciplinary industry, research or curricular experiences in which you have participated (up to 300 words).
- 4) All graduate students will be expected to show competence in problem solving, design fundamentals, general technology literacy, and skill and imagination in their areas of interest. Applicants to Digital Animation and Interactive Media will be expected to have substantial experience in 3D animation as well as a strong foundation in computing and cinematic structure. Please summarize the specialized areas of expertise that you bring to the Department, these should include conceptual, aesthetic, technical and community-based experiences (up to 300 words).



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Test of English as a Foreign Language

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), is required by the University for all foreign students. Minimum scores are 550 on the written test, and 213 on the computer-based test. The Department cannot wave this requirement for any foreign applicant, unless a degree was earned in an English-speaking country.

Transcripts

Please refer to the Graduate Admissions website for instructions on submitting official transcripts.

Financial Support

Fellowship awards are non-service appointments providing a monthly stipend and payment of resident and non-resident tuition and fees. They are regarded as the most prestigious form of support awarded to graduate students, and they are offered on a highly competitive basis. Graduate School Fellowships are awarded to those applicants who show outstanding scholarly accomplishment and the most outstanding potential for graduate study. Your application must be received by November 20 for consideration.

Associateship awards are typically a 20 hour per week service appointment providing a monthly stipend and payment of resident and non-resident tuition and fees. The awarding of associateships is determined by the Department and ACCAD, in accordance with the applicant's qualifications and the particular area's needs. Associateships are highly competitive. The amount of stipend provided is established annually by the university. Associateships are awarded under the title of:

- Graduate Teaching Associate
- Graduate Administrative Associate
- Graduate Research Associate

Complete information on financial aid can be found in the Graduate School Handbook available via the Graduate School web-site.

Graduate Record Examination

It should be noted that all prospective students who have not attained an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or B) must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), and have the results sent to the Admissions Office. Unless GRE scores are submitted, the application cannot be included in the Department's review. For updated GRE requirements, please see the Graduate Admissions web-page.

Autumn Admission

Because of the sequential nature of the graduate course offerings in the Department, applicants apply only for Autumn Semester admission. Review of applications begins in January for admission the following autumn.

Helpful Web-sites:

Ohio State Graduate Admissions:

www.gradapply.osu.edu

Ohio State Graduate School:

www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu

Ohio State Office of International Education:

www.oie.ohio-state.edu

TOEFL: www.toefl.org

GRE: www.gre.org

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