MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

SCHOOL OF

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At Roger Williams, students acquire the *design* and *technical skills*, cultural awareness and expertise to be *effective leaders* and collaborators.

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The School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation (SAAHP) brings diverse individuals together into an educational community dedicated to the creation and stewardship of the built and cultural environments. We prepare students for leadership in professional practice, service and individual creative pursuits.

We are committed to balance: between creation and conservation, aesthetic and technical pursuits, national and international perspectives, individual exploration and community involvement, classroom and lifelong learning. We work to achieve this balance through a variety of teaching situations—studios, lectures, seminars, internships, study abroad, field work, community service—engaging students, faculty, practitioners and community members in close relationships.







THE PROGRAM

The Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) program prepares students to enter and advance both the discipline and the profession of architecture. Students achieve a depth of understanding of the components of architectural practice and of the diverse nature and variety of roles for architects in relation to other fields. They develop the strategic thinking and communication skills required to tackle a diverse range of issues from sustainability and urbanism to historic preservation.

Architecture is an integrative discipline that expresses human values through the design of the built environment. The program encourages the mastery and skillful integration of environmental, social, historical, artistic, technical and philosophical concerns into carefully developed designs that enhance their context at the scales of the region, the site, spaces and detail.

Students generally undertake a graduate design studio each semester (either topical, comprehensive, or thesis design), along with coursework in technologies, computation, history/theory, environmental design research, professional practice and thesis research, and choose from an extensive menu of Architecture electives based on faculty expertise. The Master of Architecture program is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

We offer three distinct pathways to the Master of Architecture program. Students in each path develop individualized degree plans to maximize their skills, interests and time to completion, including summer study options.

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Visit http://rwu.edu/go/saahpfaculty

PATH ONE:

Path One provides a continuous sequence from undergraduate to graduate study leading to the Master of Architecture professional degree, for students who have completed Roger Williams University's B.S. in Architecture program. Path One students normally complete this 181-credit sequence in 5-1/2 to 6 years from the beginning of their undergraduate studies.

PATH TWO:

Path Two provides advanced entry to the Master of Architecture professional degree for students from other universities who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree in Architecture. Individualized placement occurs following an evaluation of the student's undergraduate transcript and portfolio for completion of NAAB Student Performance Criteria. Path Two students normally complete a 56-credit, full-time sequence over four semesters of study.

PATH THREE:

Path Three provides entry to the Master of Architecture professional degree for students who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree in fields other than architecture. Students normally finish this 91-credit full-time program in three years and one summer. Some additional prerequisites in math, physics and drawing may also be required.

DUAL DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES:

Students may pursue dual Master of Architecture + M.S. in Historic Preservation degrees through joint advisement, one of the few U.S. schools to offer this combination. Graduate Certificate opportunities are also available, allowing students to develop specialty focus areas.





UNIQUE FEATURES:

CAREER INVESTMENT PROGRAM:

All 100+ SAAHP Graduate Students are eligible for support from our Career Investment Program, which provides \$3,000 per year for each student providing start-up funding for off-campus internships with leading U.S. and international firms, and for on-campus Graduate Assistantships with faculty.

TEACHING FIRM IN RESIDENCE:

Since 2007, two noted U.S. and international architecture Teaching Firms come to the School each semester to teach Graduate Architectural Design Studios, and include additional design studio critics, office visits and field trips to projects in process. Teaching Firms sometimes teach graduate seminars on areas of specialty, and open pathways to internships and career placements.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS CENTER:

Graduate students in coursework and through graduate assistantships engage in interdisciplinary project-based assistance to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, government agencies through the Community Partnerships Center. We are distinctive in our participation with University-wide, interdisciplinary community outreach.

FACILITIES-SAMSUNG DESIGN STUDIO AND rCLOUD COMPUTING:

The School is housed in an NEA and AIA award winning building designed by Kite Palmer Architects noted for its open environment and high quality. The Samsung Design Studio, established in 2013 through a partnership with Samsung Electronics America, provides a 27" monitor for each architecture studio desk and numerous 65" interactive displays for collaborative work in progress and presentations. We offer one of the only cloud computing environments in a U.S. schools of architecture, including a rendering farm. Students have access to all software on a server at no cost.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM:

The School's International Fellows Program (IFP) focuses broadly on critical issues and practices in the contemporary built environment. The IFP provides a forum of up to 35 participants gathering each June at the school from around the world in plenary presentations, case studies and field trips, and includes a low-residency course option for up to 10 graduate Architecture and Historic Preservation students.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK:

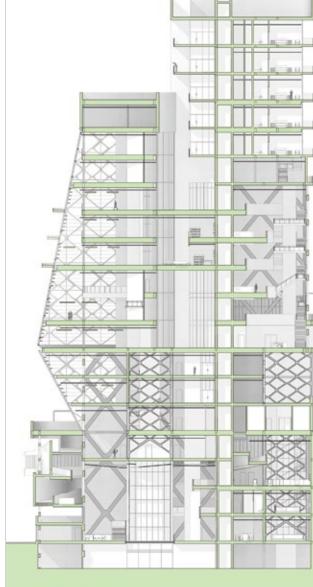
The School's Women's Leadership Network (WLN) connects pre-college and college students and alumni with leading faculty members and practitioners to advance educational and career potential for female students and faculty in the arts, architecture, historic preservation and construction by creating a visible network of engagement and opportunity.

PUBLIC EVENTS SERIES:

The SAAHP Public Events Series brings the public and the School together to address issues and works of noted figures in architecture, the arts and historic preservation. Several formats including evening lectures, day-long or weekend conferences, and multi-week exhibits are employed each semester.

GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD:

Semester-long graduate study abroad opportunities in Architecture are available in Buenos Aires, Istanbul and Beijing, along with internship placements at prominent firms in each location.



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APPLICATION INFORMATION, FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS:

Application forms and complete information are available online: http://www.rwu.edu/admission-financial-aid/graduate-admission

While application materials do not need to be submitted in one package, a complete application to the Master of Architecture program includes the following required materials:

- 1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
- Personal statement (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in the Master of Architecture program, relevant past experiences and career goals
- Two letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school
- Portfolio containing examples of your work (submitted as hardcopy or electronically)
- If your first language is not English, an official report of TOFE or IELTS results
- 6 The GRF is not required for admission
- Completed online application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee

NAAB STATEMENT ON ACCREDITATION: In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 6-year, 3-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards. Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree. Roger Williams University offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

• Master of Architecture (pre-professional degree + 23 UG Architecture credits + 38 GR credits)

The program received its last accreditation in 2012. The next accreditation visit is in 2018

Please note: All accepted Master of Architecture students who completed their undergraduate degree with a 3.0 GPA will receive a \$6,000 merit scholarship, renewable annually while maintaining a 3.0 GPA in graduate coursework. In addition, each full-time graduate student will be awarded a \$3,000 assistantship through the Career Investment Program. Master of Architecture students are also eligible for several endowed scholarships, including the Raj Saksena Memorial Scholarship, the Kaestle Boos Associates Scholarship, and several scholarships endowed through the American Institute of Architects Rhode Island.

Preferred Application Deadline: April 1 for Fall

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Financial Aid is available for eligible students. Contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 401.254.4510 or visit StudentAid.gov/eligibility for more information. Learn more about our student consumer information: http://rwu.edu/go/student-consumer-info

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