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MARCH ADMISSIONS 2009

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Admission to Master of Architecture Programme 2009-10

Students are admitted to the MArch programme via two funding schemes: UGC-funded and self-financed. The admission requirements for both schemes are the same. Information on the two funding schemes can be found at the Architecture Department web-site <http://www.arch.cuhk.edu.hk>.

Requirements

1. Applicants should have an undergraduate degree in Architecture recognised by the country where the school is located
2. Statement of purpose: explanation of your reasons for applying
3. Portfolios
   a) of previous school work: evidence of your design abilities
   b) of independent work: expression of your professional interest
4. Supporting material
   a) Record of practical experience
      Evidence that the requirements have been fulfilled
   b) References
      Evaluation form by employer (preferably direct supervisor)
      Two confidential recommendation letters
   c) Other documents as required by the University

Notes

More detailed information on the supporting documents required by the University can be found at the Graduate School web-site <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/gss>.

All submissions except the portfolios should be in A4 format. Department forms can be downloaded from the Department website <http://www.arch.cuhk.edu.hk/en/downloads>.

The portfolio of independent work should illustrate independent studies and your own work from practical experience and should be accompanied by a commentary of not more than 1500 words.

All application materials should be submitted directly to the Department of Architecture not later than 28 February 2009. The evaluation and recommendation letters are confidential and should be sent directly by the referees. The application form can also be filled out and submitted online at the Graduate School web-site <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/gss>. 
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Practical experience

The minimum period of practical experience is nine months and should be gained after the completion of an undergraduate architectural degree.

Of this, five consecutive months should be as a full-time employee in one architectural office, either in Hong Kong or abroad. The remaining four months can consist of equivalent experience. Equivalent experience is work in other areas of the construction industry, research or study in related fields, or community development projects.

For each instance of practical experience, applicants should provide evidence from the employer stating the start and end dates of employment, the position, and that it was full-time.

Applicants with a 5-year professional undergraduate degree in Architecture recognised by the country where the school is located, can be waived of the requirement for practical training.

Applicants with a 4-year professional undergraduate degree in Architecture recognised by the country where the school is located, can fulfil the requirement for practical training with 9 months of cumulative relevant full-time working experience gained during or after their respective degree programme.

It is advisable to consult in advance with CUHK faculty responsible for admissions and practical training on questions of acceptable equivalent experience. Conditional offers will be given to applicants who have fulfilled all requirements except those for practical experience by the time of the application. An applicant with a conditional offer is required to submit the evidence for fulfilling practical experience by 15 July 2009.
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Statement of purpose

Name of applicant:
Application number:

Explain your reasons for applying to this programme.
### Record of practical experience

List in chronological order the experiences that fulfill the practical experience requirements.

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Employer's evaluation form

Name of applicant:
Application number:

The person above has applied for admission to the Master of Architecture programme at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. As the direct supervisor, your candid evaluation of the applicant's ability to succeed in the programme and to contribute to the profession would be greatly appreciated. Please answer these questions and send this form to the Department of Architecture by 28 February 2009.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

How do you judge the applicant's abilities, compared to his or her peers?

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What do you consider the applicant's strengths?

What are the applicant's weaknesses?

What other information would be relevant in considering this application?

Date:  
Signature of the evaluator:  
Name in print:  
Name of organisation:  
Address:  
Telephone:  
E-mail address:  