

**Department of History of Art & Architecture Graduate  
Admissions Information and Requirements  
(Revised September 2020)**

Applications and requirements for admission to the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences can be found via:

<http://www.bu.edu/cas/prospective-students/graduate-admissions/apply/application-requirements-and-deadlines/>

The following pertains to information and requirements particular to the Department of History of Art & Architecture.

**Application deadlines for Graduate Admission**

Graduate Program Admission	Application Deadline
Spring 2021 (MA applicants only; no financial aid available)	October 15, 2020
Fall 2021	January 5, 2021

**Financial aid**

Please see the *Graduate Student Handbook* for a list of fellowships and assistantships in support of graduate study in History of Art & Architecture at Boston University. To indicate interest in being considered for financial aid, check the appropriate box on the application. There is no separate application for financial aid. Only applicants for fall admission will be considered for aid. International applicants are eligible for consideration for financial aid.

Type of Financial Aid	Eligibility	Benefits and responsibilities
Five-year Dean's Fellowships	PhD candidacy	Full-time course load. Tuition and fees covered plus stipend (including summer stipend). No duties for first, fourth, and fifth years; second year: lead discussion sections and grade in an undergraduate course; third year: either same as second year or assist in faculty research.
Tuition scholarships	MA candidacy	Tuition Scholarships may be accompanied by a stipend for work in BU's Stone Art Gallery or as a faculty research assistant. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. Annual tuition and fee for four courses during the academic year 2020-21: \$28,552.

## **Course load**

The typical course load for doctoral candidates is three to four courses (twelve to sixteen credits) per semester. The typical course load for MA candidates is two courses (eight credits) per semester. Students registering for fewer than three courses may submit a request for full-time certification. Please see the official GRS registration policy.

<http://www.bu.edu/academics/grs/policies/registration/>.

## **Writing sample**

Submission of a writing sample is required. A college research paper or thesis is acceptable for post-BA applicants; for post-MA applicants, the MA thesis or a substantial scholarly paper can be submitted. If you are unable to upload your writing sample to the application, please send it as an email attachment to [grs@bu.edu](mailto:grs@bu.edu) **after** you have submitted the application. Please include in the email your name, your Boston University ID number, and the Department to which you have submitted the application.

## **CV**

All applicants upload a CV to the application.

## **GRE**

The GRE is not required for applications submitted during the 2020-2021 academic year.

## **Letters of recommendation**

Three letters of recommendation are required.

## **Museum Studies Certificate**

The Museum Studies Certificate program does not have a separate application. The Department of History of Art & Architecture offers the option of pursuing the Certificate solely to its graduate degree candidates.

## **Interview**

Though not required, an interview is recommended. Applicants have the option to meet the Director of Graduate Admissions and other faculty members. If you are planning to visit Boston University, please contact Professor Jonathan Ribner, Director of Graduate Admissions [jribner@bu.edu](mailto:jribner@bu.edu). It is recommended that applicants to the PhD program make prior contact with the faculty member specializing in the proposed field of interest.

## **Deferral of Admission**

If you are offered admission but wish to start at a later date, you may ask that your admission be reconsidered for a future semester. However, there is no guarantee that you will be admitted at a later date. For information regarding deferral of admission, see the GRS policy here:

<https://www.bu.edu/cas/admissions/phd-mfa/apply/frequently-asked-questions/deferrals/>