



Design Research

Master of Arts (MA)



For designers who want to energize their practice, the MA in Design Research's 3-semester applied emphasis allows a student to immediately transfer what they learned into the workplace. The MA shares the same curriculum as the first year of the MDes program but culminates in a 1-semester Major Research Project or Major Research Paper completed under the guidance and support of a supervisor rather than a 12-month thesis. The MA program helps students develop the applied research expertise needed in today's workforce and offers practical and attainable means of developing a strong, forward-thinking contemporary practice. Students sharpen their design skills, gain exposure to design research methods, and learn to articulate the value of design-based innovation.

Details of Degree

- 3 terms, Major Research Project

Program Highlights

The Master of Arts (MA) degree is ideal preparation for higher study and self-directed research. The MA is typically considered a gateway to the academic terminal degree, the PhD.

Deadlines

| Domestic | International |
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| N/A | N/A |

Connect with York University



Program Support: graduatedesign@yorku.ca
Admissions Support: fgsapply@yorku.ca



- yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/future-students
- futurestudents.yorku.ca/events/graduate

Admission Requirements

- › Four-year undergraduate honours degree or equivalent in visual communication design or related field, with at least a B standing. Persons without a design-related degree but whose experience is in some way related to design as demonstrated in the portfolio, may be considered.

Documents to Submit

- › Transcripts (all university studies)
- › References (3)
- › Statement of Interest
- › Resume/CV
- › Portfolio
- › Supplementary Information Form

- › ELP Test Score, if applicable
- › IELTS: 7.5 Academic
- › TOEFL: 100
- › Duolingo: 140

York Graduate Funding

Current Academic Year

| YEARLY FUNDING PACKAGE | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Domestic | International |
| TBD | TBD |

Funding amount is per year (3 terms), funding is prorated for the remaining 2 terms.

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