

FACTS FOR INTERNATIONAL M.Arch APPLICANTS 2006-2007

Program Selection and Placement

Two tracks of study are available for international applicants: the NAAB-accredited Professional M.Arch Program, or the post-professional MS Arch Program. Individuals who intend to prepare for professional licensing in the United States are advised to apply to the 97-credit NAAB-accredited M.Arch Program. Advanced Placement is available for individuals who hold prior international degrees in architecture. Applicants who wish to be considered for Advanced Placement must provide an ECE "Course-by-Course" analysis of their undergraduate transcript. Waivers of non-studio core courses are typically awarded for all equivalent courses in which the applicant has previously earned a grade equivalent to "B" or higher. Design studio placement is based on portfolio evaluation in conjunction with transcript review for prior academic credits in design.

The MSArch post-professional Program consists of two semesters of coursework, including two design studios and 18 credits of elective coursework. This Program is designed for individuals who already have a 5-year B.Arch and do not seek to earn a US-Professional degree at the Master's level.

Visa Matters

In addition to an offer of admission, applicants must provide evidence of financial resources adequate for a full year of study in order to be issued an I-20 visa. This amount was set at \$29,600 for AY 2006-2007. We anticipate a 10% increase for Fall 2007 Admits. Please note that this amount represents an absolute bare bones budget for tuition and living expenses *and does not include the cost of the mandatory computer or model building supplies.*

Financial Assistance for F-1 Visa Holders

Assistance Available: Provost's Fellowship (requires 3.0 or higher undergrad cumulative GPA), Teaching Assistantships.

Current Proportion of Students receiving Financial Assistance: 80%

Size of Awards: Provost's Fellowships award \$2000/semester. Teaching Assistantships for Master's students typically require a work commitment of 6-8 hours/week and provide 30-40% of tuition and a stipend of \$1000-\$2000/semester. Half of all graduate students currently work as Teaching Assistants.

Deadlines: International Applicants seeking any form of institutional assistance must apply by October 15 for Spring Admission, January 15 for Fall Admission.

Students holding F-1 visas may not work off-campus in their first year of study. On-campus employment other than assistantships awarded by NJSOA is limited and highly competitive.

Computer Requirement

All M.Arch students are required, as a condition of enrollment, to acquire a specified desktop computer through the NJIT/Dell partnership arrangement and to have that computer at their desk in design studio. This permits our technical staff to image the machine so that students have full access to site-licensed software and network resources at NJSOA. Specifications for AY 06-07 may be found at: <http://csd.njit.edu/compreg/precision.php>

