## School of Architecture

### Graduate Certificate in Public Interest Design

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### Application Process for Current PSU Graduate Students

To apply for the Certificate in Public Interest Design at Portland State University, applicants who are currently graduate students at PSU must submit an application packet to the School of Architecture. Please be sure to include all required documentation, as incomplete applications will be delayed in the review process. (Please note that acceptance to the Graduate Certificate in Public Interest Design program does not constitute acceptance to the Master of Architecture.)

### Deadlines

Applications are reviewed twice a year for the Certificate in Public Interest Design. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but all material should be submitted by July 15 for Fall admission, or January 16 for Spring admission.

### School of Architecture Application Checklist

This submission packet must include all the items listed below:

- A completed ‘Graduate Certificate in Public Interest Design Application for Admission’ form (attached)
- A portfolio or samples of creative work and/or research. See below for specifications.
- A statement of interest in public interest design (approximately 500 words; not part of portfolio).
- A one-page résumé listing work experience, educational background, and travel experience.
- Three references, including name, title, firm or institution, email and phone number.
- Application packet should be submitted in PDF form via email to architecture@pdx.edu with the subject line “Certificate in Public Interest Design Application.”

### Portfolio Specifications

The Admissions Committee is especially interested in each applicant’s creative potential, use of imagination, engagement in different forms of three-dimensional expression, intellectual curiosity, and ability to communicate ideas and concepts in writing and other forms of discourse and media. These qualities are best presented in a well-composed portfolio. Please follow the format requirements below in putting together the portfolio:

- Include your name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address on the first page.
- Portfolio may contain academic research, creative work (of any kind), volunteer work, travel experience and other evidence of your work.
- Use supporting text and annotation informatively and with strong editorial control.
- Illustrate your work in a manner that enables a reviewer to perceive the creative journey you experienced, including a sense of process as well as final resolution.
- Submit your portfolio in PDF form via email together with your other materials.
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC INTEREST DESIGN
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

1. Application for FALL 20____  SPRING 20_____  Apply by July 15 (for Fall) or January 16 (for Spring)

2. Portland State University ID Number __________________________________
Birth Date ____________________________

3. Name ________________________________________________________________
   LAST (FAMILY) ____________________________  FIRST ____________________________  MIDDLE INITIAL ______________

   OTHER NAMES USED ____________________________________________________

4. Contact Info.
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   NUMBER AND STREET ____________________________________________________

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   WORK OR MOBILE PHONE ________________________________________________

5. GPA
   ____________________________ ____________________________________________
   UNDERGRADUATE ______________________________________________________

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   GRADUATE (IF APPLICABLE) ______________________________________________

6. Post-secondary institutions attended (list all community colleges, junior colleges, universities, including PSU).

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7. TOEFL, IELTS or Pearson Test of English-Academic Score ____________________________
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