The following are some frequently asked questions raised by potential applicants:

1. **What are the basic requirements for admission? (Subject to Senate’s approval)**

To be eligible for admission to the programme, a candidate shall satisfy both the University Admission Requirements and the Programme Specific Requirements as listed below:
(a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
(b) shall possess a bachelor’s degree with honours of this University; or another equivalent qualification from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
(c) for a candidate who is seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to high degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b);
(d) shall satisfy the examiners in qualifying examination if required;
(e) submit all the required documents in forms of soft-copy and/or hard-copy before the application deadline.

2. **How can I fulfill the University’s English Language Proficiency requirement if the medium of instruction in my University is not English?**

An applicant is required to obtain:
(a) a score of 550 or above (paper-based test) or 80 or above (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL; University TOEFL code: 9671); or
(b) a minimum overall band of 6 with no subtest lower than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

The score report of TOEFL/IELTS should be sent to our Faculty Office directly by the Educational Testing Service before the specified application deadline. Test scores obtained more than 2 years will not be accepted.

3. **Is there any GPA requirement of my Bachelor degree?**

There is no absolute GPA requirement set for the admission of our MArch programme. However, an applicant with good academic results will be more favorable to his/her application.

4. **Is practical work experience essential for my application?**

Practical work experience is not an essential requirement for admission. However, preference will be given to those applicants with professional experience that has shaped their practical and intellectual capacity in a positive manner.

5. **Will my application be rejected if the supporting documents can’t be submitted before the application deadline?**

Our admissions review panel will start to review the applications shortly after the application deadline. In addition, our submission systems will be closed immediately soon after the application deadline. Applicants are highly advised to submit all the supporting documents on time according to our instructions. Otherwise, the chance for admission will be definitely slim due to incomplete supporting documents.

6. **Is there any interview required for the programme?**

Starting from 2019 intake, shortlisted applicants may be invited for the admission face-to-face interview between February to July. For those applicants who are not residing in Hong Kong would be invited for skype/phone interview instead. The detailed interview arrangement would be sent to the shortlisted applicants via email.
7. What is the fee structure of the programme?

The fee structure of self-funded places is subject to Senate’s approval. The exact composition fee for 2019-20 intake is yet to be confirmed. Below is the table for the estimated composition fee for 2019-20 intake:

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a) Non-local students are those that:
Students holding –
(a) Student visa / entry permit;
(b) Visa under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates; or
(c) Dependent visa, who are aged 18 years old or above before 1 September of the year of which they are admitted to relevant post-secondary programmes in Hong Kong, issued by the Director of immigration”---
b) The composition fee is pending on the UGC’s final decision and the University’s announcement.

8. What are the requirements to be accepted under UGC-funded places? (Subject to Senate’s approval)

Applicants will be accepted under UGC-funded places with the below requirements:
a) who must hold a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies degree at this University; or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or another comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
b) who are approved by the Board of the Faculty for an advanced standing of 60 credits and allowed to complete the programme in 2 years.

9. Are there any scholarships available?

Those candidates who are successfully admitted to our MArch programme will have opportunities to be nominated to award the following scholarships/prizes:

HKIA Students Medal
Jardine / Henry Lo Scholarship
P & T Travel Scholarship
Professor KC Lye Design Prizes in Architecture
Rev. Fr.E Bruzzone Memorial Travelling Scholarship
Szeto Wai Architecture Scholarship
Wong Tung & Partners Scholarship

More details regarding the scholarship opportunities are available at http://www.scholarships.hku.hk/.

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