

Master of Architecture (Research) | Doctor of Architecture

Dear Master of Architecture (Research)/Doctor of Architecture Applicant,

RE: Application Process

The application process for the Master of Architecture (Research)/Doctor of Architecture degree at Nelson Mandela University consists of three essential steps as outlined in Figure 1.

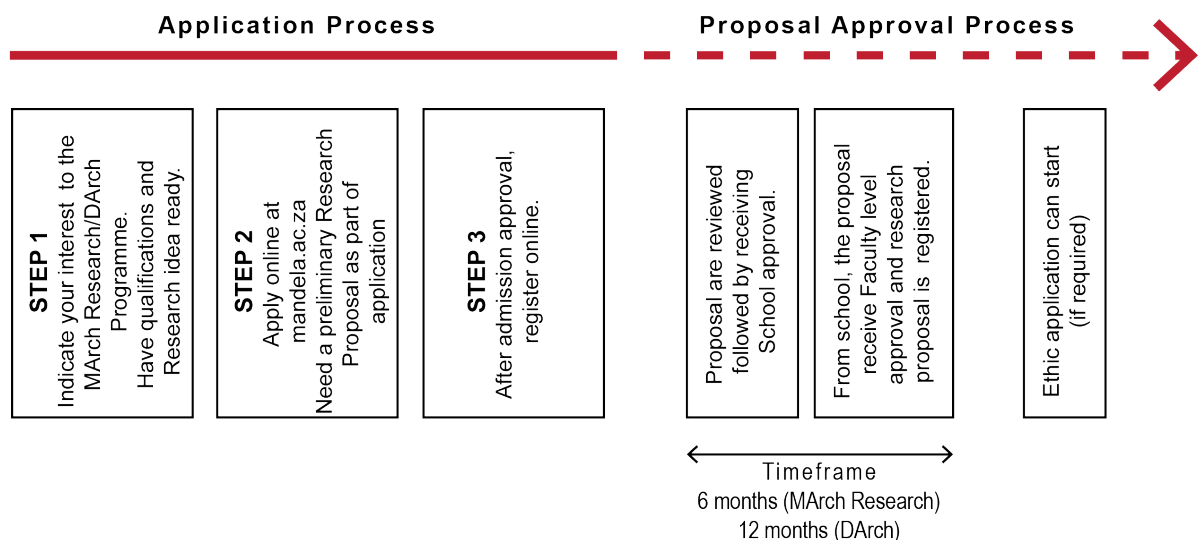


Figure 1: MArch Research DArch Application and Research Proposal Registration Process

Step 1: Express Your Interest

The first step in the application process for the MArch (Research)/DArch programme is to express your interest by reaching out to Prof Magda Minguzzi (magda.minguzzi@mandela.ac.za).

Supervision Profiles:

- **Associate Professor Magda Minguzzi**
Prof Minguzzi is renowned for her extensive research in Indigenous Knowledge Systems. Her work delves into the integration of traditional knowledge with contemporary architectural practices, providing a rich, culturally sensitive perspective to the field.
- **Dr Jean-Pierre Basson**
Dr Basson specialises in digital construction, the design process, and interdisciplinary education. His cutting-edge research focuses on leveraging digital technologies to enhance architectural design and construction, as well as promoting collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches to education.

When expressing your interest, please share your qualifications and research interests. This will help the coordinator understand your academic background and how your research goals. After this initial contact, more detailed information about the programme and the next steps in the application process will be provided to you.

Step 2: Online Application



All applicants are required to complete a general postgraduate online application by the set University's deadline. Additionally, as part of this online application process, please ensure to submit the U24 form, which is available for download [\[available here\]](#), ID, your transcript, your CV and draft research proposal.

It is important to note that both Mandela University students and non-Mandela prospective applicants are required to complete the online application. For more detailed information regarding the online application process, we encourage you to visit www.mandela.ac.za.

To be considered for admission into the MArch (Research)/DArch programme, applicants must meet the minimum academic requirements established for the programme, which are as follows:

- Possession of a Master of Architecture (Profession) degree

Step 3: Register for the MArch (Research)/DArch Programme

Once you have successfully expressed your interest and online application and received confirmation from a supervisor, the next step is to register for the MArch Research /DArch programme.

Registration Periods:

- January to April: Registration during this period counts towards Year 1 of your studies.
- April to December: Registration during this period does not count as Year 1.

All rules pertaining to Master's and Doctoral studies at Nelson Mandela University apply. Detailed information regarding the online registration process will be provided to successful candidates by the Faculty Administrator.

Your assigned supervisor will be available to assist you throughout the application and registration process, ensuring you have the support needed to navigate the requirements and procedures.

After Registration

Following your registration, the next steps in your research journey include:

Research Proposal Approval:

Your research proposal must be approved at both the Departmental/School level and the faculty level.

- MArch Research: Approval must be obtained within 6 months.
- DArch: Approval must be obtained within 12 months.

If your research requires ethical clearance, the ethics application process will commence only after your research proposal has been approved and registered at the Faculty level.

Annual Progress Presentation:

- All MArch/DArch Research students are required to present their research progress once a year during October at the 45 minute Research Round Table Discussion Presentation.
- All MArch/ DArch Research students at the proposal stage are required to submit an updated research proposal one month (31 days) prior to the discussion.

We are excited to receive your application and learn more about your passion for architecture and your aspirations in the field. Thank you for considering Nelson Mandela University for your postgraduate studies. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you into our Doctor of Architecture programme.

Prof Magda Minguzzi

