

# Master of Design Application Guide

## Application process

Apply online: <https://apply.aut.ac.nz/>

Upload all of the following documents to support your application:

1. **\*Academic transcript/results and completion certificates** of your qualifications.
2. **A research proposal outline** - submit as a PDF. Include:
  - Research project title (10 words maximum)
  - Research topic overview (150 words maximum)
  - Thesis statement (350 words maximum)
  - Bibliography (at least 10 entries)A **guide** to writing your research proposal outline can be downloaded [here](#).
3. **A portfolio which should represent a highly resolved body of work that supports the research proposal outline that you have submitted:**
  - Select 10 to 12 images of recent work that clearly show an iterative, exploration of a single design project. Submit as a PDF.
  - The portfolio should demonstrate the progression of a single design project linked conceptually and/or through practice-based methods to your research proposal.
  - You are encouraged to include captions and descriptive text to explain the relationship to your research proposal, highlighting key ideas and explaining the methods used in the development of your project.
  - Do not show a range of unconnected design projects, unless you can explain in written form, why they should be considered as one design project.
  - Please DO NOT upload movie or audio files with your application. Instead, we recommend you upload your movie or audio file to YouTube, and place a link to this in your research proposal outline.
  - If for any reason you have a problem uploading your portfolio (i.e. due to file size limitations) please email the PDF portfolio to [autadmissions@aut.ac.nz](mailto:autadmissions@aut.ac.nz)  
The file size MUST NOT EXCEED 30MB. Any files exceeding 30MB will be sent back to you by Admissions and/or not uploaded to your application. Applications that do not include a portfolio will not be assessed.
4. **\*Current CV** briefly outlining any previous experience relevant to your application for postgraduate study.

**Note: Current AUT students are not required to upload documents marked \***

## Outcome of application

We will contact you after AUT Admissions receives your complete application. In most cases the School invites applicants for an interview (in person or by phone). The purpose of the interview is to discuss your interests in more depth, to clarify any matters related to your application, and to check that you are applying for the postgraduate programme most suitable for your purposes.