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## POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN BUILDING CONSERVATION

# ENTRY APPLICATION

### Scope and Aims

The Postgraduate Course in Building Conservation is a two-year part-time day-release course open to students and professionals with Part 2 (Finals) RIBA qualifications or equivalent recognized qualifications. Suitably qualified members of other disciplines (e.g. surveyors, planners) may also be accepted, provided they are professionally involved in building conservation.

All applicants are interviewed.

The course has the approval of the Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation (COTAC) and the RIBA Board of Education. The aims of the course are broadly set out in the joint COTAC/RIBA Committee Interim Report: '...to enable an architect to undertake the repair, restoration and conversion of old buildings with confidence, efficiency, understanding and responsibility'.

The course leads to an AA Graduate Diploma in Building Conservation.

### Syllabus and Structure

The AA academic year is 32 weeks divided into three terms of 10, 11 and 11 weeks respectively. The course involves one teaching day per week (Friday), which is reserved for lectures, site visits, seminars and discussion periods.

The course involves detailed studies in seven main areas:

1. Historical materials and construction: structure and finishes.
2. Architectural history, structural development and archaeological investigation.
3. Mechanics of decay, diagnosis of structural fault and report writing.
4. Repair methods, specification writing, repair contracts and job management.
5. Environmental controls and the introduction of grant aid.
6. Legislation and other statutory controls: sources of grant aid.
7. Landscape, gardens and area conservation.

In addition, visits to craft workshops and buildings in need of repair are arranged, and practical exercises are set.

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on the back of  
each

## 1 GENERAL

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Forenames \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Correspondence \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above)

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Profession \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 PREVIOUS EDUCATION

College \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Full/Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ Subject(s) and Class of Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Diploma Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Full/Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ Subject(s) and Class of Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Diploma Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

### **3 FUNDING**

Please give full details of your funding source:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

We will require you to pay a deposit of half a term's fees on acceptance of your place.

### **4 LANGUAGES**

A high standard of English is necessary. Overseas students from non-English-speaking countries are required to pass the IELTS examination with a grade of not less than 6.5. Please submit the pass certificate with your application.

Please give details of languages other than your native language with which you have a good working knowledge.

### **5 REFERENCES**

Please enclose two references: a work experience reference and an academic reference. If applicants have no work experience, please provide two academic references. References must be in sealed envelopes. References may alternatively be sent direct to: Graduate School Admissions, 36 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3ES.

No application will be considered before two references have been received.

Please give names and addresses of your referees below.

## **6 CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT**

Please describe in not more than 400 words your reasons for applying for this course and your subsequent career intentions upon successful completion.

## **7 WORK EXPERIENCE**

## **8 RESEARCH / PUBLICATIONS**

## 9 CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The application form should be returned by 30 April for entry the following September. Late applications will be considered if places are available. Applications should be sent with a remittance of £50.00 (nonrefundable fee made payable to the Architectural Association) to:

**Graduate School Admissions, AA School of Architecture, 36 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3ES**

N.B. Portfolios will ONLY be returned if requested, and £10 postage fee paid in advance.

From what sources did you:

a. Learn of the AA \_\_\_\_\_

b. Obtain information about the Graduate Programme \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying to schools other than the AA, please list them below:

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### Please ensure you have enclosed the following

Completed application form

£50 application fee

Original transcripts or academic certificates

IELTS examination certificate

Two letters of reference