

# DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

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## KEY RESEARCH IMPACT

The Department of Architecture offers professional and research postgraduate programmes in the complementary fields of architecture, interior architecture and landscape architecture. Following an ecosystemic approach, the three programmes and our research focus areas are mutually supportive and often integrated in transdisciplinary research projects with partners in industry, government and local communities. The Department's research foci is built around the objective of creating resource-efficient, resilient and regenerative built environments which respect both landscape and cultural context, improving ecological integrity while contributing to a sense of meaningful place and social-ecological well-being within rapidly changing local and global contexts.

### Research opportunities

- Urban Citizenship
- Designed Ecologies
- Smart Cities and Neighbourhoods
- Memory, Legacy and Identity
- Regenerative and Resilient Cities
- Inhabitation of Place
- Architectural Design Education

## RESEARCH PRIDE

### South African National Research Foundation (NRF)-rated researchers

- Prof Chrisna Du Plessis (C1 NRF-rating)
- Emeritus Prof Roger Fischer (C2 NRF-rating)
- Prof Arthur Barker (C2 NRF-rating)
- Dr Ida Breed (C3 NRF-rating)

### Unit for Urban Citizenship (UUC)

Intended as a platform for embedded participation, the mission of the UUC is to develop the scholarship of civil engagement and participatory development within the context of a complex emergent African urbanism, and embed a culture of responsible and collaborative urban citizenship in graduates and the communities within which we work.

### Architectural Archives at UP

The Department hosts the most extensive and significant architectural archive in the country, including the office records of important South African architects such as Norman Eaton, Gawie Fagan, Helmut Stauch and Alan Lipman.

### Hatfield Digital Twin City Initiative

The Department is leading the creation of the Hatfield Digital Twin City, a novel initiative that aims to boost service delivery with the help of smart technology.

## Are you ready to start your postgraduate journey?



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(2022 QS World University Subject Rankings)

## POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES (click on each programme to learn more)

### *Professional Postgraduate Degrees*

Our professional postgraduate degrees follow an approach of research-led design enquiry. The honours programmes are built around a series of interdisciplinary elective studios that require students to engage at a graduate level with group and individual projects that emphasize research, design and vision in real-life contexts. The professional master's programmes entail the completion of an individual design project informed by sound research using accepted research methodologies.

- **BArchHons (Architecture) (Programme Code: 12242005)**
- **BIntArchHons (Interior Architecture) (Programme Code: 12242007)**
- **BLArchHons (Landscape Architecture) (Programme Code: 12242008)**
- **MArch (Professional) (Architecture) (Programme Code: 12252026)**
- **MIntArch (Professional) (Interior Architecture) (Programme Code: 12252028)**
- **MLArch (Professional) (Landscape Architecture) (Programme Code: 12252030)**

### *Research Degrees*

Postgraduate research studies in the Department are expected to contribute to one of the above research focus areas.

- **BScHons Applied Science Architecture (Coursework) (Programme Code: 12242001)**
- **MArch (Architecture) (Programme Code: 12252025)**
- **MIntArch (Interior Architecture) (Programme Code: 12252027)**
- **MLArch (Landscape Architecture) (Programme Code: 12252029)**
- **MSc Applied Science Architecture (Coursework) (Programme Code: 12252038)**
- **PhD Architecture (Programme Code: 12262004)**
- **PhD Interior Architecture (Programme Code: 12262009)**
- **PhD Landscape Architecture (Programme Code: 12262005)**

## CAREER PATHWAYS

Alumni of the Department are design thinkers. This is an increasingly valued skill in the business world. Honours graduates can register as senior candidate technologists or interior designers. To be a professional architect, interior architect or landscape architect, one must obtain the professional master's degree in one's chosen field. This is followed by a professional exam for which practical experience is required. Graduates can then register with the relevant professional or statutory bodies. Postgraduate qualifications are also a cardinal part of the pathway to academia.