



# 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

- Architectural education
- Smart cities
- Urban resilience (with a focus on food security, biodiversity and climate change adaptation)
- Designed ecologies
- Heritage and cultural landscapes
- Participatory architectural research and design as instrument of urban citizenship
- Identity and meaning-making in place and space

## 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 newly established 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 University of Pretoria (UP) graduates and the communities within which we work. Current collaboration with communities and other stakeholders in various neighbourhoods in the City of Tshwane offers a living laboratory for integrated outreach, research and teaching in both undergraduate and post-graduate programmes.

### 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. The archive is used extensively for research by local and international scholars.

Join the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology and join a world-class research institution.



## 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.

## POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

### *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)**
- **BIntArchHons (Interior Architecture)**
- **BLArchHons (Landscape Architecture)**
- **MArch (Professional) (Architecture)**
- **MIntArch (Professional) (Interior Architecture)**
- **MLArch (Professional) (Landscape Architecture)**

### *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)**
- **MArch (Architecture)**
- **MIntArch (Interior Architecture)**
- **MLArch (Landscape Architecture)**
- **MSc Applied Science Architecture (Coursework)**
- **PhD Architecture**
- **PhD Interior Architecture**
- **PhD Landscape Architecture**

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