



ART  
CULTURE  
TECHNOLOGY

FALL 2024  
OPEN HOUSE

# Virtual Open House: Overview

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- ACT Director's Welcome
- Staff Introductions
- Faculty Introductions
- Admissions logistics, portfolio requirements, finances, and academics
- Q+A
- Wrap up



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# What Is The Masters Of Science In Art, Culture, And Technology Degree?

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The Art, Culture, and Technology program (ACT) offers a Master of Science in Art, Culture, and Technology (SMACT), a rigorous and selective two-year graduate degree.

At MIT, admission to each graduate program is coordinated by the academic department to which the graduate program belongs. Art, Culture, and Technology is an academic discipline group within the Department of Architecture. ACT also sits parallel to Architecture as one of the six departments, programs, labs, and centers within the School of Architecture and Planning (SA+P).

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# A Quick Overview Of The Core SMACT curriculum

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## **Core Coursework**

4.390 Art, Culture, and Technology Studio + Thesis Colloquium every semester

Your last semester, you will also take 4.THG Thesis

## **ACT Subjects**

21 units of ACT subjects

## **Electives**

18 units that support area of study

Most SMACT students register for three or four courses per semester, sometimes with one or two additional Listener (auditor) enrollments.

International Students are required to take a 'full load' which is at least 36 credits

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# Application Logistics

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LINK TO APPLICATION :

<https://apply.mit.edu/apply/>

## Program Information

Select the program, degree, and (if applicable) area of research you would like to study. Click “Continue” to save your progress and move to the next page.

**NOTE:** If you do not see your program of interest, that program’s application is hosted on GradApply. Please review the full list of graduate programs available on the [Graduate Admissions](#) website to find the correct application link.

**Program**

Architecture ▾

**Degree Objective**

Master of Science in Art, Culture, and Technology (SMACT) ▾

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# Logistics: What Is In My Application?

- Applicant Information including legal and preferred name, legal sex, contact info, DOB
- At least two recommendation letters. When you enter your recommenders' contact information, they will be sent individual upload links generated by the application site.



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- Degrees earned with GPA and date of graduation. Grades and informal transcripts may also optionally included.
- Curriculum vitae and /or details on honors, publications, research experience, etc. which you may include in the application site's fields as indicated.

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- English language proficiency including languages of study/fluency and TOFEL (minimum 100 for paper exam or 600 for computer-based exam) or IELTS (minimum 7) scores if appropriate.
- Scores are self reported. If admitted, we will ask for your official scores.



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# Portfolio Requirements

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- Submit one PDF document or link, maximum 10 pages (or equivalent number of projects on a webpage), including documentation and/or images of your projects.
  - Include captions/descriptions for each image
    - title, artist, year, material, project description
- Can be individual or collaborative works, but collaborations *MUST* be clearly labeled



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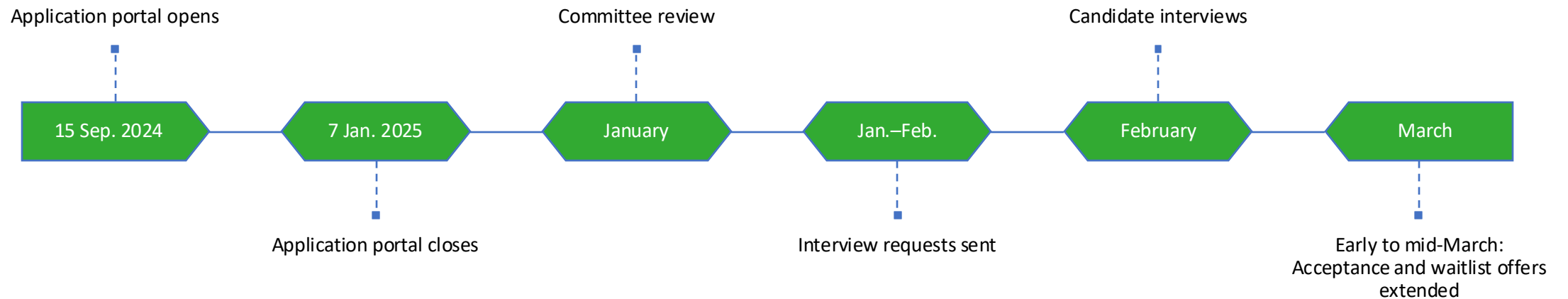


- Statement of objectives, which may be up to 500 words
  - Our program encompasses art, architecture, design, history, and technology; all have a social and cultural meaning and purpose. How does your background and life experience inform your understanding of that purpose? Can you also tell us a little bit about how your interests relate to what is being researched and produced by the ACT program and its faculty. Tell us about your hopes and aspirations regarding your professional development and learning at ACT.

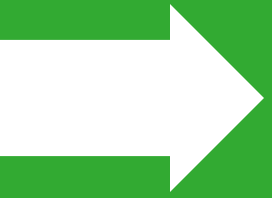
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# Approximate 2025 Admissions Timeline

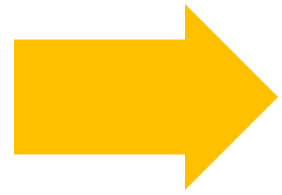
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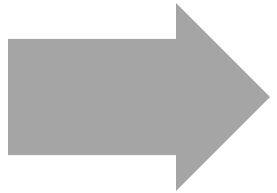


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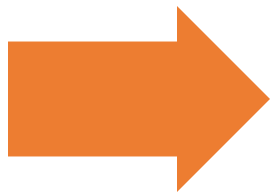
\$61,990

Is the current tuition (AY 2024, 3-5% increase each year)



\$40,000 to \$45,000

Is the cost of living (AY 2022)



That's a lot of money! Is there financial aid?

**YES!**

# FORMS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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## Tuition Fellowship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Support
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Merit
- Office of Graduate Education
- External Fellowships

## Employment

- Teaching Assistant
- Student Worker
- Research Assistant

## Other Types of Support

- Council for the Arts at MIT (CAMIT)
- ACT "Pilot" Grants
- Research Travel
- Graduate Student Council (GSC)
- MIT Intl Science & Tech Initiative (MISTI)

# Helpful Financial Resources

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- Office of Graduate Education's (OGE) Fellowships page <https://oge.mit.edu/fellowships/>
- OGE's Competitive Fellowships <https://oge.mit.edu/fellowships/oge-fellowships/>
- OGE Databases and Other Resources <https://oge.mit.edu/fellowships/other-resources/>
- iGrad Financial Literacy Platform <https://mit.igrad.com/>
- Contact the OGE's fellowship team: [grad-fellowships@mit.edu](mailto:grad-fellowships@mit.edu)
- Check the web! External fellowships would allow you the flexibility of time and resources to focus on your art practice.

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# Questions?

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