Assistantships can be 9-month or 12-month appointments and include tuition remission (5 to 10 credits each semester, commensurate with GA appointment), an annual salary, health benefits, and in-state tuition, in exchange for 10 to 20 hours of work per week. Scholarships, fellowships, and other funding sources are available through a variety of external agents, such as the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF), the Garden Club of America (GCA), and others, including the following:

For more information on financial assistance and scholarships, please see: [http://larch.umd.edu/academics/financial-aid-and-scholarships](http://larch.umd.edu/academics/financial-aid-and-scholarships)

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**Admissions**

**General Requirements**

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students [https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements](https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements))

**Financial Assistance**

A limited number of Graduate Assistantships are available to qualified students. These include Teaching, Research, and Administration Assistantships. Assistantships can be 9-month or 12-month
Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- CV/Resume
- Portfolio (Multimedia Requirements section of application)

Portfolio

The portfolio is a compilation of graphic, written or scored work that you have created or observed and recorded. This collection should show your interest and aptitude for the visual language of design. Expertise in design is welcomed but not required. The portfolio should illustrate your interests in a variety of areas related to landscape architecture and environmental design. This portfolio should be uploaded digitally with your application. If you have any questions please email Diana Cortez at dcortez@umd.edu. Portfolios are due no later than the application deadline.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website: www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://larch.umd.edu

Requirements

- Landscape Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/principles/landscape-architecture-larc/landscape-architecture-mla)

Facilities and Special Resources

The Master of Landscape Architecture program is accredited by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The program maintains a balance between design theory and application in a professional degree curriculum. The MLA program builds upon the strengths of the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture (PSLA) and the Landscape Architecture Program (LARC). The PSLA Department is composed of faculty members who specialize in landscape architecture, landscape history, ecology, plant science, urban forestry, turf and golf course management, and landscape management. It provides a strong, comprehensive grounding for landscape design, planning and preservation, landscape assessment, site and ecological systems analysis, plant identification, plant conservation, and plant pathology. Other environmental programs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources offer knowledge and practical insight into the science of ecology, ecological restoration, water and soil conservation, and forest management. The MLA builds on this collaboration through advanced courses, student advising, and the contribution of non-teaching programs such as lectures, symposia and research projects.

The Master of Landscape Architecture Program is located in the Plant Sciences Building on the College Park campus. Advanced individual computing facilities, personal drafting stations, scanning and printing facilities, and a model-making workshop are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to every student in the MLA program.