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University
Of
Sheffield.

Department
Of
Landscape
Architecture.

Postgraduate
study.



Champions of Landscape Architecture.

We are passionate about the power of Landscape Architecture to address pressing global issues. As the largest and only independent Department of Landscape Architecture in the UK, we have the expertise to encourage our students' ambitions in the directions that excite them the most.

Grey-to-Green, Sheffield.

The UK's largest retrofit
Water-Sensitive Design/Sustainable Drainage Scheme.
Planting Design: Professor Nigel Dunnett



Landscape Architecture is a creative, design-based discipline. It seeks to improve quality of life for people whilst simultaneously enhancing biodiversity and contributing to the resolution of 21st century environmental challenges such as urban expansion, flooding and climate change. It is at the core of current attempts to create a more sustainable world and cuts across the boundaries of many traditional academic disciplines.

At Sheffield, Landscape Architecture has a strong trans-disciplinary ethos involving an interplay between urban and regional planning, ecological systems, social and cultural values, and art and design. This approach is consistently reflected in our teaching and research, and our strong engagement with Landscape practice.

Our aim is to provide students with the most rigorous and reflective Landscape Architecture training possible. We offer a demanding and creative curriculum to encourage our students to be ambitious self-starters, developing the skills that will allow them to become leading Landscape Architects, Urban Designers, Planners and policy makers.

Our graduates are in high demand in practice. Our alumni is both extensive and strongly international, which means that support and useful connections are never far away, no matter where you work in the world.

Join us and share the latest ideas in Landscape Architecture, Urbanism and Ecology.

Anna Jorgensen

Professor Anna Jorgensen
Head of Department





What is Landscape Architecture?

Landscape Architecture embraces the science, planning, design and management of landscape in urban and rural environments to create places that tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the world today. It recognises the power of green space on all scales, from the smallest garden, through city parks to regional and national ecosystems. By drawing on the arts, sciences and social sciences, Landscape Architects sculpt and shape our surroundings to create places in which people and nature thrive.

The University of Sheffield has the largest and only independent Department of Landscape Architecture in the UK and offers a diverse choice of postgraduate courses. These offer routes to qualify and work as professional Landscape Architects and Managers, deepen knowledge of the Landscape profession and develop a wide range of valuable, transferable skills. People find their way to Landscape Architecture through many different routes and our MA courses attract students with varied backgrounds, qualifications and experiences; what unites them is a drive to understand how landscapes work and a desire to use their knowledge and skills to make a difference.

“Talk to other Landscape Architects and I’m willing to bet you won’t find many who knew that’s what they wanted to be from an early age. You are more likely to find people who discovered the profession almost by accident. Often, these people describe a ‘penny dropping’ moment when they figured out that Landscape Architecture could offer a perfect blend of creativity and science, indoors and outdoors, people and plants, thoughtfulness and flair.”

Alison Galbraith, Terra Firma Landscape Architects

Full article at:

www.landscapeinstitute.org/blog/terra-firma-ambassador-landscape/

£37.5K
average salary for a
Landscape Architect

85%
of Landscape
Architects are
working in
full time roles

50/50
One of the few
built environment
professions with an
equal gender balance*
**chooselandscape.org*





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rated for Landscape
Architecture research
in the 2014 Research
Excellence Framework

Why study at Sheffield?

As the largest and only independent Department of Landscape Architecture in the UK, Sheffield offers a unique experience.

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Landscape Architecture is a broad profession and our world-renowned staff have the expertise to encourage students' interests wherever they lie. Our academics are regularly sought out to work on prestigious projects like London's Olympic Park and through their research, contribute to influencing policy and shaping landscape practice. From wellbeing to planting design, new discoveries are fed directly into teaching to help Sheffield graduates develop into the next generation of leading Landscape Architects.

"I have strong affection for The University of Sheffield's Department of Landscape Architecture. The training I received there prepared me for my career better than I could have imagined. Not only did I learn the necessary skills to become a Landscape Architect, but I learnt the importance of integration between disciplines; matching of scales in time and place with users, researchers and decision makers to enhance collaboration and understanding."

Martha Fajardo, MA Landscape Architecture
CEO, Grupo Verde, Columbia and former
President of IFLA

SHAPING THE CITY

Sheffield is a dynamic city and an ideal place in which to study Landscape Architecture. Its changing face has been shaped by department-led initiatives like Grey to Green and Love Square; these give our students the chance to be involved with live projects and see the difference Landscape Architecture can make. Sheffield combines the urban with the awe-inspiring gritstone edges of the Peak District, making a rich learning and research environment. Students are based in our refurbished Arts Tower home and attend lectures across the whole of our campus, which is currently undergoing its own exciting transformation.

FULFIL YOUR POTENTIAL

At the Department of Landscape Architecture students are guided closely to help reach their full potential. They receive a high level of contact time and work individually and in small groups with department staff and visiting landscape professionals. Our strong links with industry ensure students hear from leading practitioners whilst personal tutors are on hand to help and offer advice. Our postgraduate courses are demanding, but at Sheffield we pride ourselves on providing a supportive environment in which all students can thrive.

Choose your course.



MA PG DIPLOMA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

*Qualify as a professional
Landscape Architect*

Duration: 2 years full-time

Ideal for: Graduates who want to design and create lasting, functional and inspirational places

Accreditation: Landscape Institute and the International Federation of Landscape Architects

Did you know? MA Landscape Architecture is a design-focused course that will refine your creative vision.

MA PG DIPLOMA LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

*Qualify as a professional
Landscape Manager*

Duration: 1 year full-time / 2-3 years part-time

Ideal for: Graduates who want to make places working practice

Accreditation: Landscape Institute and the International Federation of Landscape Architects

Did you know? MA Landscape Management has both accredited and non-accredited routes.

MA PG DIPLOMA LANDSCAPE STUDIES

*Deepen your knowledge of the
landscape profession*

Duration: 1 year full-time

Ideal for: International students who don't require accreditation but want to advance their knowledge of the landscape profession

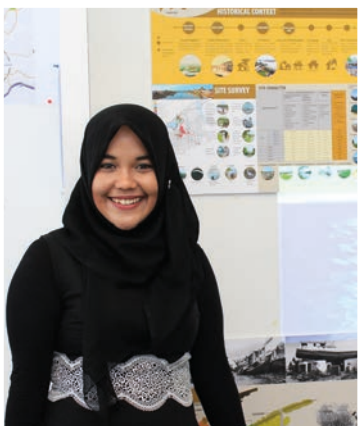
Accreditation: Landscape Institute and the International Federation of Landscape Architects

Did you know? MA Landscape Studies students may be able to transfer to MA Landscape Architecture if they wish to continue for a second year.*

Need more information?

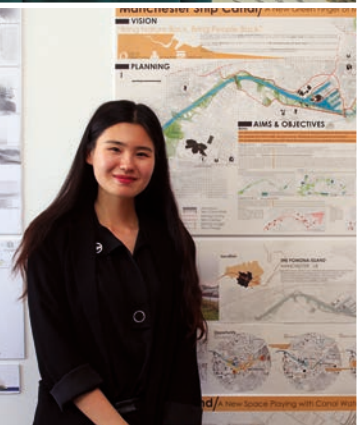
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landscape/mastudents](https://sheffield.ac.uk/landscape/mastudents)**

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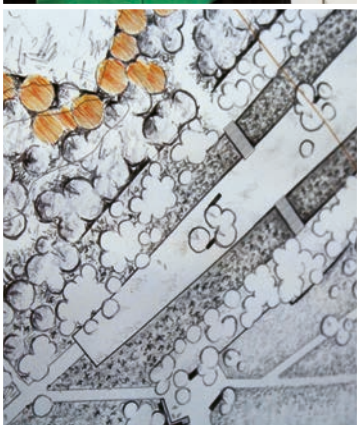
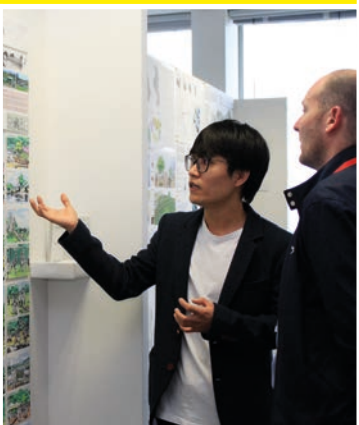
“MA Landscape Studies helped me to understand ecology and biodiversity and taught me how to find solutions to counter problems like global warming, urban flooding, anti-social activity and species extinction. The best parts of the course were going on site visits and plant walks, developing sketching techniques and the exchange of international cultures.”

Tirthankar Chakraborty, MA Landscape Studies



“I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience on the MA Landscape Management course which I completed part-time over two years. The department provides a stimulating environment for learning, through a collective of inspiring staff, modules and other students. I cannot speak highly enough of the Landscape Management masters course and would encourage anyone considering it to do so.”

Sam Marshall, MA Landscape Management



“My experience of studying Landscape Architecture at Sheffield was absolutely fantastic. Everything I learnt on the MA course has given me an amazing grounding for my career and the support and encouragement I received from my lecturers gave me the confidence I needed to start up my own business.”

Victoria Wade, MA Landscape Architecture

Course details.

94%

of students choosing Landscape Architecture consider job satisfaction important*

**chooselandscape.org*

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number of full-time, landscape-focused academic staff

MA PG Diploma Landscape Architecture

MA Landscape Architecture is a two-year conversion course for graduates who want to qualify and work as professional Landscape Architects. Whether you have a background in design or not, it will help you develop the skills needed for modern Landscape Architectural practice.

The first year provides a thorough grounding in the design, social, technical and scientific aspects of the profession. You'll learn about the history and theory of landscapes, develop visual and IT skills and tackle a broad range of design projects.

The second year gives you the opportunity to specialise in landscape planning, design or management, or to take a cross-cutting approach combining more than one aspect.

Teaching and learning takes place both within the studio – individually, in groups and with support from tutors – as well as in workshops, lectures, seminars and out on site.

MA PG Diploma Landscape Studies

MA Landscape Studies is an intensive one-year course that provides a thorough grounding of the core skills needed by the Landscape profession.

You'll study alongside the first year of MA Landscape Architecture in an intellectually challenging and supportive environment.

You'll gain a broad range of knowledge: from history, research and theory, ecology and vegetation management, social studies to media tools and communication workshops.

MA Landscape Studies is ideal for international students who don't require professional accreditation or UK students who want to benefit from an in-depth knowledge of landscape and a wide range of transferable skills.

CORE MODULES

FIRST YEAR

- Landscape Architecture: Nature, Design and People
- Urban Ecological Design and Management
- Landscape Planning
- Landscape Urbanism and Design
- Introduction to Landscape Research
- Landscape Research Topics and Dissertation

SECOND YEAR *(MA Landscape Architecture only)*

- Landscape Professional Practice
- Special Project: Research and Development Study
- Special Project
- Landscape Research Dissertation *(MA students only)*

OPTIONAL MODULES

SECOND YEAR

Choose one from:

- Urban Landscape Planning
- Landscape Design and Art Practice
- Managing the Landscape

And one from:

- Rural Landscape Planning
- Urban Design Project
- Maintaining Green Infrastructure

MA PG Diploma Landscape Management

MA Landscape Management is a one-year course that teaches students about effective management of both natural and designed landscapes. It embraces environmental, social, cultural and economic factors to optimise the management of many of our most iconic landscapes. You'll learn how to revitalise degraded, damaged or underused landscapes, while the Special Project and Dissertation allow you to explore topics of personal interest

The programme is designed to allow Landscape Architects to develop a specialism within Management, or to introduce Landscape Management to other professionals within the land-based, geographical or ecological sectors.

Students without previous employment within these sectors can opt for a non-accredited route, whereas those with previous relevant experience can undertake the accredited route. Students on the non-accredited route are provided with a general introduction to Landscape Architecture, whereas students on the accredited route take a more specialised module dedicated to UK professional practice, law and contracts.

CORE MODULES

- **Principles and Skills of Landscape Management**
- **Managing the Landscape**
- **Maintaining Green Infrastructure**
- **Special Project**
- **Dissertation (MA students only)**

Students on the accredited route will take:

- **Landscape Professional Practice**

Students on the non-accredited route will take:

- **Landscape Architecture - Scope and Diversity**



**For entry requirements visit
sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/courses**



Your career development.

With a host of careers-related opportunities on offer, Sheffield Landscape Architects are fully prepared for professional life.

CONNECTING WITH PRACTICE

We pride ourselves on having strong links with professional Landscape practices and we're keen to make our connections work hard for the benefit of students. Our On-Campus Employers' Event attracts over 50 practices, from the UK and overseas, looking to employ Sheffield students; our Pop-Into-Practice initiative gives a taste of professional project work through practice visits; while regular talks from internationally renowned experts allow students to hear from and network with the best in the field.



EXPERIENCE THE PROFESSION

We encourage postgraduates to take up summer placements and can help direct students towards practices and organisations that appeal to their individual interests. Placements are an ideal way to gain vital experience, build design portfolios and make important contacts. Some of our previous students have enjoyed placements at the Eden Project, Green Estate and Sussex Prairies. For those looking for something further afield, we also encourage students to enter the Landscape Institute's travel competition and have recently had students spend time in Mexico, the Philippines and the USA.

SUPPORTING YOUR AMBITIONS

The University's Careers Service supports your development throughout your course and for up to three years after you graduate. Support covers everything from figuring out what you want to do to succeeding at interviews. There are lots of opportunities to network with employers and we'll help you find the kind of work experience that's right for you. Whatever you want to do, wherever in the world you choose to build your career, we can help.

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Number of UK and international practices who attend our 'On-Campus Employers' Event'

Number of years the Careers Service continues to support students after graduation

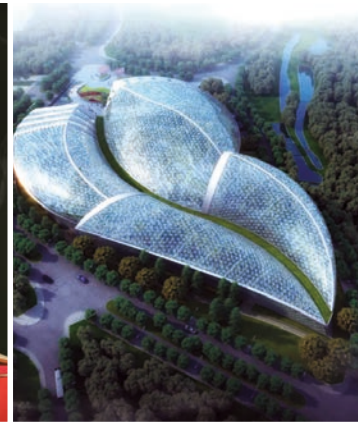
Everyone has been so supportive and gone that extra mile to make sure I get the most out of my three weeks at RHS Wisley. I worked with the Herbaceous team – on the planting outside the new Welcome building – and the Alpine team, learning about drought tolerant planting in urban settings.

Alex Lowenhoff, MA Landscape Architecture

Our alumni.

Martha Fajardo, Class of 1981

Martha studied under Arthur Weddle at Sheffield and returned to Colombia to open an influential practice. She founded the Colombian Society of Landscape Architects and has tirelessly promoted Landscape Architecture internationally in her past role as President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects. In 2013 she received an honorary Degree from the University.



Nicholas Au Hin Fai, Class of 1989

After completing his postgraduate studies in Sheffield and working in the UK, Nicholas returned to Hong Kong and joined the Hong Kong Housing Department as a Senior Landscape Architect. His projects include landscape design for public housing developments to enhance the quality of living for residents



Lee Parks, Class of 1998

After graduating, Lee worked for Weddle Landscape Design and BDP before moving to Shanghai, China. He has been Director of Landscape for AECOM, Shanghai since June 2010. Lee has won numerous awards for his designs, including the 2018 IFLA AAPME - Outstanding Award in the 'Wildlife, Biodiversity, Habitat & Enhancement' category for Singapore-Nanjing Eco Island



Jonathan McLoughlin, Class of 2012

Since leaving University, Jonathan has focused on establishing himself as one of the UK's leading zoological landscape designers. His design approach focuses on both the immersion of visitors in the animals' world and promoting animals' natural behaviour through landscape interventions. He has presented his work at various zoo design conferences and is currently working with a number of clients, exploring design concepts at strategic and master-planning levels.



How to apply.

There are no deadlines for most courses but we recommend that you apply early – up to a year before you start – as courses which become over-subscribed may close to new applications.

VISIT US

We'd love to see you

We hold open days twice a year, and the University holds monthly open afternoon sessions. You can talk to students and staff about the University, the Department and the city of Sheffield. Our current postgraduate students will be happy to share their experiences.

To find out more about Open Days visit:

sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/open-days

WHAT TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- A CV
- Two references by academic staff at the institution where you studied previously or from former employers
- A certified copy of your degree certificate or any other qualification relied upon in support of your application
- A certified copy transcript of the marks awarded to you in connection with your degree (if applicable)
- A certified copy of your English Language qualification – currently we require IELTS 6.5 (with at least 6 in each component) or University equivalents.
- A short portfolio containing examples of your visual work for MA in Landscape Architecture and Landscape Studies.
- A 300 word personal statement demonstrating your interest in Landscape Architecture

Portfolio guidance.

In order to better understand your potential, we request portfolios from all applicants to MA Landscape Architecture and MA Landscape Studies, which can include work in any medium and from any field of endeavour.

The portfolio should demonstrate not simply creative and technical skills, but also your critical engagement with Landscape Architecture and urban and ecological issues.

We review a large number of portfolios, so a distinctive approach that demonstrates a passion for Landscape Architecture in a thoughtful and imaginative way will help you stand out.

WHAT SHOULD I SUBMIT?

Applicants with a degree and/or work experience in a design-related discipline:

- 3 projects that demonstrate critical engagement with topics related to the field of Landscape Architecture, e.g. schemes exploring urban ecological sustainability or social aspects of contemporary environments.
- Each project needs to be clearly introduced and include the name of the project, year of completion, aims and objectives and name of tutor if relevant.
- The portfolio should demonstrate your representational skills, including drawing and models, as well as your ability to engage with advanced studies in Landscape Architecture.

Other applicants:

- 6 samples of visual/creative/landscape work, which could include art/design work done at school, craft outputs and photographs of garden and/or planting design. You should include some landscape drawings or images (not photographs).
- We recommend that you draw a landscape that evokes a strong response in you. The emphasis should be on conveying the characteristics and qualities of this landscape as vividly and clearly as possible.
- You may use any media – pencil, charcoal, watercolour etc. We are not looking for technical competence at this stage but rather a commitment to expressing your ideas about landscape in a visual format. You may use a combination of words and images – restricted to 150 words.

Format

- A single pdf file
- No more than 12 pages in length and 25 MB in size
- Upload your portfolio directly to your online application
- Ensure that your name appears in both the file name and in the portfolio itself

Apply online at:

sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/apply/applying



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Wherever you are in your career and your life, if you're ready for a world-class masters we'd love to hear from you.

Our greatest strength is each other

Sheffield is an inclusive, supportive community where people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities study together. You can't have a world-class university without this kind of openness and diversity.

You have to think global

We use our knowledge to help the whole planet, so there's a global dimension to everything we do. This clarity of purpose is why a degree from Sheffield is so highly respected.

We believe in you

You're part of the next generation of professionals who will change society for the better. Our job is to prepare you for that. We'll push you to amaze yourself and we'll support you every step of the way.





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THE SHEFFIELD EXPERIENCE

There aren't many cities in the UK that can surprise you like Sheffield. For a big city to have such a strong sense of community is unusual. Then there's the fact that a third of the city is inside the Peak District National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Most of our student accommodation is in one of Sheffield's nicest residential areas, a short walk from campus. For an urban university, this is pretty special

At the heart of everything is our students' union, ranked No1 in the UK for ten years running*. All your support services are based here. There are over 400 student societies to try out or join, hundreds of sports teams and one of the UK's biggest student volunteering programmes.

With a little guidance from us and lots of freedom to explore, you'll find this all adds up to a unique experience, one that sees you form strong relationships with your fellow students, deepen your ties to the community and discover what it means to be part of something.

**Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2009–2018*

FUNDING

We value talent, which is why the University of Sheffield invests in scholarships for exceptional UK and international students. Government loans are available for UK and EU students studying eligible courses.

Find out more about loans, scholarships and other funding here:

sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/funding



The content of our courses is reviewed annually to make sure it's current and relevant. Individual modules may be updated or withdrawn in response to discoveries made through our world-leading research, funding changes, professional accreditation requirements, student or employer feedback, curriculum review, staff availability and variations in student numbers.

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