

Application Requirements

**Application Deadline: 31 October for the following Spring semester;
1 March for either semester of the following academic year**

Education

Rice Architecture Paris is open to:

Qualified undergraduate applicants who have completed at least three years of an accredited five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree program and have completed a minimum of six semesters of architectural design studio;

Graduate applicants who have completed at least four semesters of architectural design studios from an accredited beginning Master of Architecture degree program, (or two semesters of architectural design studios of a 4+2 program);

Post-graduate applicants who have received a four-year BA in architecture, or a Bachelor of Architecture

Personal Statement of Purpose

Please submit a (200 word maximum) statement on your interest in studying at Paris, describing your background, educational experience, qualifications and your goals for the future.

Resumé

Please submit a curriculum vitae/resumé listing relevant academic and professional information, honors, awards, service and leadership positions, etc.

Official Transcript

Please submit your official transcript.

Letters of Recommendation

A minimum of two letters of recommendation are required, one of which must be from a recent studio instructor.

Portfolio

This should include representative design work and must be a single digital file in PDF format, and on a clearly labeled single CD.

Portfolios, application form, and recommendations should be sent to:

Professor John J. Casbarian, FAIA
Director of External Programs
Harry K. & Albert K. Smith Professor
School of Architecture – MS-50
Rice University
6100 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77005

Fees

Admitted students will be enrolled as visiting students at Rice University in Houston paying full tuition. There is an additional study tour fee of \$1,000. Housing, travel from US to France, and other expenses are not included. Paris uses an apartment locator for housing and students make arrangements directly with the agency. Charges for this service vary. Following notification of acceptance, a \$500 non-refundable deposit will be required to hold the spot. By agreeing to participate in the program you must be covered by comprehensive health and accident insurance during the semester in Paris.

Application Form

Rice Architecture Paris
Rice University
MS-50
6100 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77005
USA

Name: _____
(Name exactly as appears on passport)

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Date of birth: _____
(Month / Day / Year)

Citizenship: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Current Institution: _____

Program: _____

Date and Degree Expected: _____

GPA: _____
(4.0 scale)

Other Programs Attended/Dates/Degrees: _____

Special Consideration: _____

(State any unusual circumstances, requests, or other considerations that would be helpful in evaluating your application)

References: _____
(List two references from whom we will receive letters of recommendation)

By signing below you certify that the information provided, above, and information submitted in the entire application package is true and correct and without omission.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommendation Form

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Rice University
MS-50
6100 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77005
USA

To the applicant: Copies of this form should be given to two recent instructors who are very familiar with your academic work and are able to comment on your qualifications for study in the Rice Architecture Paris program. Before giving the form to your recommender, please fill in the upper portion of page 1 and include your name in the field at the top of page 2.

Ask each recommender to return both pages to the address below in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, by the application deadline.

Name: _____
(Name exactly as appears on passport)

E-mail address: _____

I retain my right to access this recommendation: _____
(Under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)

I waive my right to access this recommendation: _____
(Under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)

Date and Degree Expected: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommender Name: _____

To the recommender: Please complete page 2 of this form, and attach a letter, on letterhead, describing evidence of the applicant's skills, academic background, temperament, and discipline to succeed in studying in our Paris program.

Please send both pages of this form, plus the letter, and sign across the envelope seal, by the deadline to:

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Director of External Program
Harry K. & Albert K. Smith Professor
School of Architecture
Rice University
6100 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77005
USA

713 348 5152
jjc@rice.edu

Recommendation Form

Name of applicant: _____

How long have you known applicant: _____

What is your relationship with applicant: _____

Please give your appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities listed below. Rate the applicant in comparison with others you have known at a similar stage in their architectural education.

	Top 1%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 50%	Poor	Unable to judge
Intellectual Ability						
Analytical Ability						
Creativity						
Organizational Ability						
Written Communication						
Oral Communication						
Complex Problem Solving Ability						
Initiative						
Motivation						
Ability to Accept Criticism						
Maturity						

Overall Recommendation _____ Strong _____ Medium _____ With reservation _____ Do not Recommend

Name of Recommender: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____