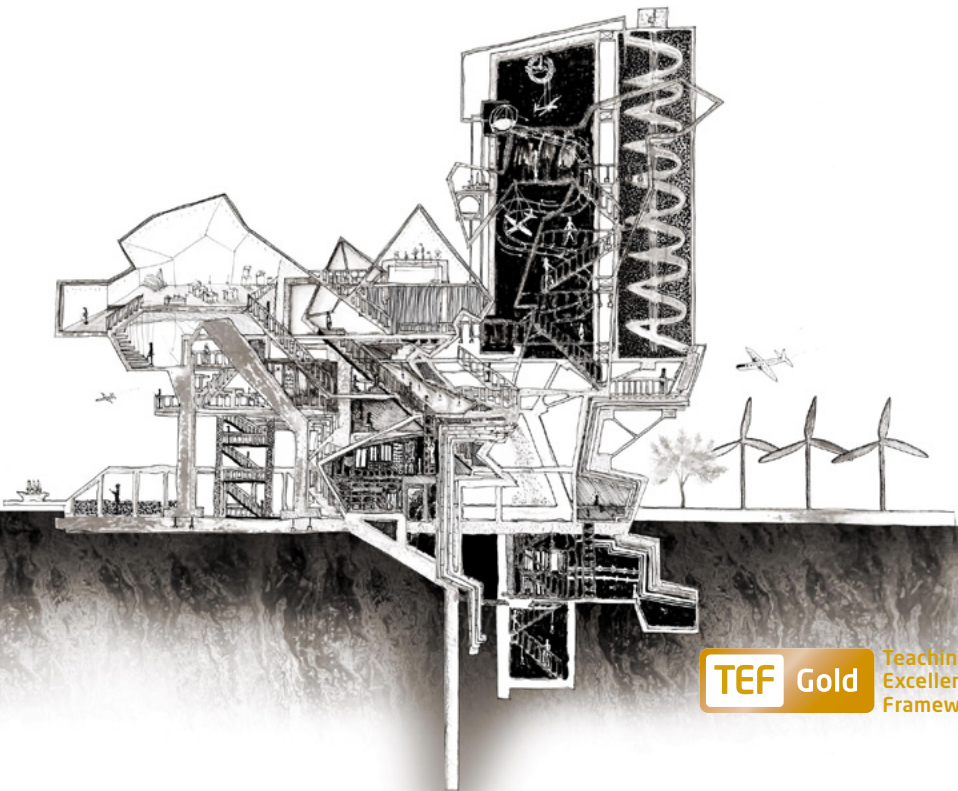


# ARCHITECTURE BA (HONS)

## INTERVIEW ADVICE

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Architecture at DMU is ranked in the top 20 in the UK for Graduate Prospects, according to The Complete University Guide 2020. It offers integrated design studies that develop emerging architectural designers and thinkers. Every student has the chance to gain invaluable international experience, improve their career prospects and build their confidence through DMU Global. In 2019 our Architecture students had the opportunity to build homes in The Loving Community in Ahmedabad, India. They worked alongside local architects, contractors and residents in this collaborative development to support families who were affected by the monsoon season. The Architecture BA (Hons) degree is validated by the RIBA, prescribed by the ARB for exemption from ARB/RIBA Part 1 examinations and is on the Commonwealth Association of Architects' approved courses list.

# YOUR INTERVIEW

University interviews are often a new experience for applicants and we want to ensure that anyone applying to De Montfort University (DMU) is given the most useful information to make the experience an enjoyable one.

## WHY DO WE INTERVIEW?

Our interview days are designed not only for us to assess your suitability for the course, but also to make sure you are choosing the right course for you. Universities interview for courses where a specific skill set is required, or where the course leads to a particular vocation. In the case of Architecture, it is a chance for us to see your visual work and talk to you about your interest in this course.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY?

The day will include a selection of events including a course presentation, individual interview and portfolio review. On the day you will be able to see current student work, speak to staff about the support available at DMU and tour our facilities supporting you in the decision making process. There will also be an opportunity to go on a campus and accommodation tour.

See [dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays](https://dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays) for further information and help to plan your day.

## CAN I BRING SOMEONE WITH ME?

You are welcome to bring a guest with you to your Interview Day and they will be able to come along to any of the activities that do not form part of the selection process. Where it is not possible for your guest to stay with you (i.e. during the interview) there will be plenty of waiting areas such as the Food Village, Newarke Café or the Riverside Café. Guests will also have the opportunity to talk to current students and staff.



# WHAT TO EXPECT...

## HOW LONG WILL THE INTERVIEW LAST?

You should expect to have 20 minutes to speak about your academic and professional aspirations and show your work.

Your interview and portfolio review forms part of your interview day, there will be opportunities to talk to academics and meet current students throughout the day, along with facilities, campus and accommodation tours.

## WILL I BE INTERVIEWED ON MY OWN OR IN A GROUP?

You will be interviewed individually by one of the course tutors.

## HOW WILL THE INTERVIEW BE STRUCTURED?

The interview process will be informal and will hopefully be an enjoyable experience. It is your chance to show off your potential and convey your enthusiasm for an architectural education.

Please check the advice on [dmu.ac.uk/portfolioadvice](http://dmu.ac.uk/portfolioadvice) for what we would like to see in your portfolio so we can use this for a discussion on your interest in becoming an Architect.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE?

Think about why you have applied to study Architecture and why you have chosen DMU.

You may wish to take some time before you visit us to think about the following as we will be looking to see that you can demonstrate these skills during your interview:

- Read your application and remind yourself of what you've said
- Good knowledge of the course

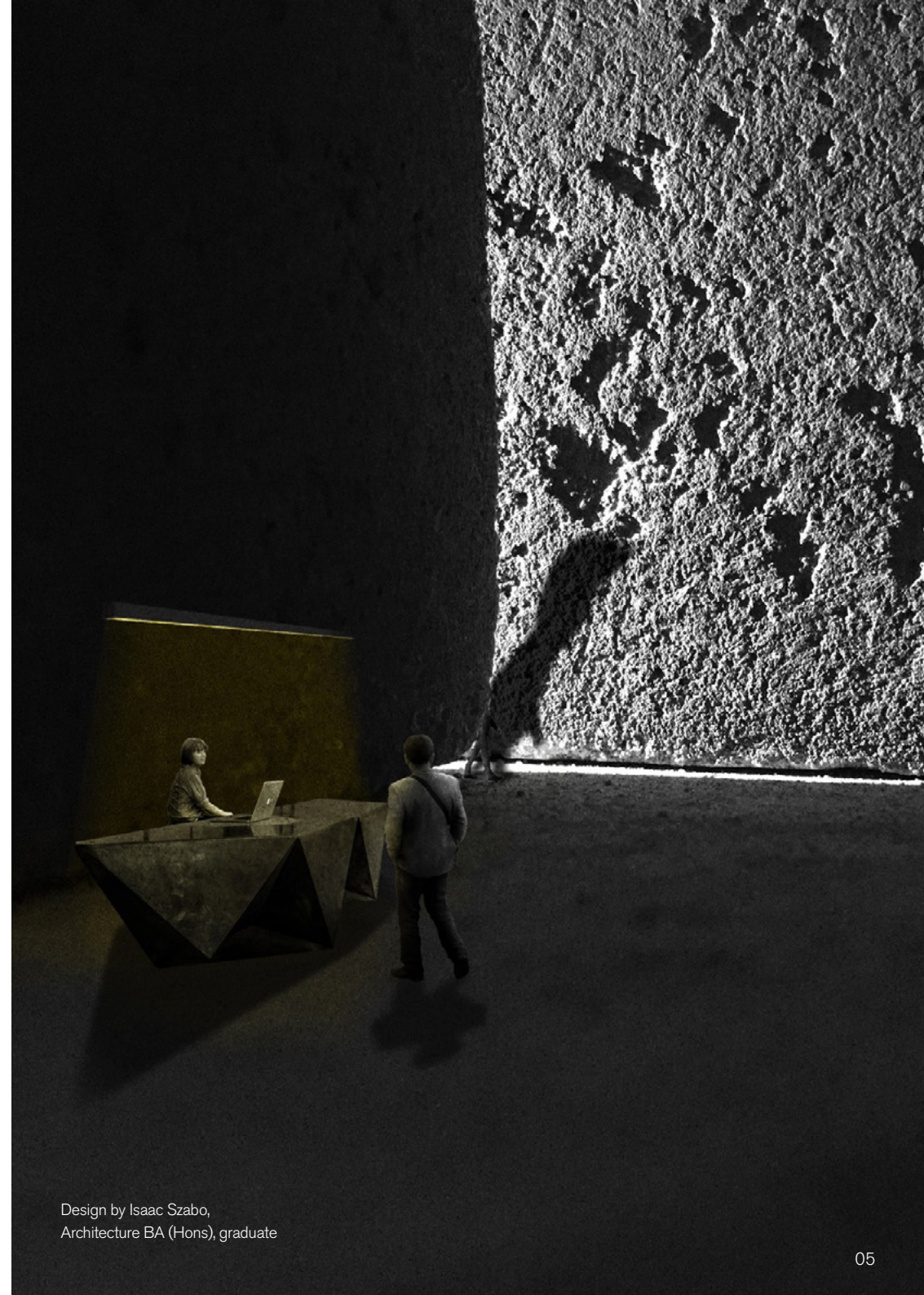
- Concern for the future of human habitation in various forms
- Evidence of critical and creative thinking
- Evidence of passion, dedication and motivation
- Ability to verbally articulate your ideas
- Good interpersonal skills demonstrated through considered responses
- Professionalism

Consider carefully what work you would like to include in your portfolio. Our portfolio advice can be found online at [dmu.ac.uk/portfolioadvice](http://dmu.ac.uk/portfolioadvice) and is a really useful resource to help you to develop and present the best portfolio that you can. It would be beneficial to practice talking through your work. Ask yourself:

- Does your portfolio demonstrate the full range of your skills and personal approach?
- Does it convey your interest in the subject for which you have applied?

## YOU MAY BE ASKED...

- Why have you chosen Architecture?
- Why have you chosen DMU?
- What do you hope to do when you graduate?
- How do you feel your current skills and experiences have helped to prepare you for university?



Design by Isaac Szabo,  
Architecture BA (Hons), graduate





## DURING THE INTERVIEW...

- Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident
- Listen and consider your replies. Ensure that you are not just giving yes/no answers
- If you do not understand a question, don't guess, politely ask the interviewer to rephrase or clarify
- Be enthusiastic, course tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject

## DON'T FORGET...

- To bring along your invite, reminder email detailing your registration location and itinerary
- To make sure you have planned your journey in advance – see our website [dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays](https://dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays) for travel information
- To have read our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions [dmu.ac.uk/architecture](https://dmu.ac.uk/architecture)

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM RUNNING LATE ON THE DAY?

We know that delays are sometimes unavoidable so if you are running late on the day, please contact the Interview Events Team on +44 (0)116 207 8443 or email [interviews@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:interviews@dmu.ac.uk) as soon as you are able to and let us know your estimated arrival time. If necessary, we can tell you any alternate arrangements for your interview e.g. change of registration location. In some instances, if you expect to be significantly late, we may suggest you book for a different date.

### WHEN WILL I HEAR IF I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

We aim to make decisions as soon as possible after the interview. In most cases these are communicated to you via letter and an update on UCAS Track within a week of you attending the event.

We will also be in touch if we are unable to make a decision straight away.

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADVICE

For lots more information and advice about the Interview Day, including help to plan your travel, catering options and what else you will have the option of seeing and doing during the day, go to [dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays](https://dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays)

### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We endeavour to make all our events completely accessible. However, if you have any specific requirements or require additional facilities, please inform the Interview Events Team via email - [interviews@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:interviews@dmu.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)116 207 8443.

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## For more information about your interview day please contact the Interview Events Team:

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