

2023–2024 Evaluation Criteria

The Berlage Post-Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design

Applicants are evaluated for the following:

In general

- an academic approach, meaning a critical and thoughtful approach and the linking of theoretical concepts with practice
- potential in developing critical thinking abilities in relation to design and research skills
- an ability to pose questions related to architecture relevant for urban design, as well as in relation to the global complexities facing the contemporary built environment
- a demonstrable interest in developing both speculative and reflective insights in today's architectural and urban design challenges
- an interest in linking professional practice to advanced academic study
- an independent personal style of expression or position

Portfolio evaluation criteria

- familiarity with contemporary challenges for architecture and urban design
- evidence of an ability to discuss, debate, and reason in proposing design solutions and/or reaching research conclusions
- evidence of an ability to communicate through visualization in drawing, rendering, mapping, or other means
- evidence of an ability to shift between architectural and urban design scales
- awareness of how decisions and choices have been made in the course of the work

Written personal position statement criteria

- evidence of a clear position about how you related to contemporary architectural and urban design practice
- evidence of intellectual maturity and desire to pursue advanced design and research studies
- definition of the key questions that might be answered during study; or the important issues that would be addressed by the study at The Berlage
- willingness to develop cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary design and research skills
- willingness to learn in a collaborative and experimental setting
- evidence of ability to establish a logical and well-reasoned English-language discussion