

PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY, 2015-16

LAAB accredited programs are required to provide reliable information to the public. Programs must report on accreditation status and its performance. This information is to help potential students make informed application decisions.

Accreditation

The University of Tennessee's School of Landscape Architecture is graduate only. While we offer multiple degrees such as the Master of Science in Landscape Architecture (MSLA), a Master of Art in Landscape Architecture (MALA), and a post-professional degree (MLA II), only our three-year Master of Landscape Architecture program is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board. Our most recent accreditation took place in 2012 and is good through 2018. For more information about Accreditation and the LAAB, click [here](#).

Student Achievement

The School of Landscape Architecture at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville provides students with a platform from which to pursue a variety of landscape-related problems and projects.

Students of the program follow a rigorous course of disciplinary and interdisciplinary training aimed at providing them with the skills and knowledge required to engage today's landscape conditions with imagination and intelligence. At UT, we believe that future landscape architecture leaders require a special 'landscape intelligence' which synthesizes history, theory, design thinking, and technical know-how in ever-changing combinations. These tools help our students address some of society's most pressing socio-ecological issues.

Our program leverages its unique status as a truly interdisciplinary partnership between the College of Architecture and Design and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to provide students with an educational experience that moves beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries to investigate innovative new hybrids better suited for the demands of contemporary society.

Approximate Annual Student Expenses*

	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition & Fees – UTK Grad School	\$12,356	\$30,774
Student Fees (College of Architecture & Design)**	\$105/credit hour	\$105/credit hour
Housing (Graduate On-campus)	\$12,702	\$12,702
Housing (Off)***	\$7,000-10,000	\$7,000-10,000
Required Computer Purchase****	\$3,000 (average)	\$3,000 (average)

* Estimated cost of full-time attendance for the 2014-15 academic year. Assumes minimum 9 credit hours/semester.

** Applies to all College of Architecture + Design courses.

*** Based on a voluntary survey of students in the MLA program in the fall 2014 semester and these costs will vary.

**** Students are required to have a computer meeting the UTLA spec upon entry to the program. Additional details about the approved spec and costs can be found [here](#).

Financial Assistance:

Students in the programs are able to compete for significant amounts of merit-based financial assistance. This assistance is provided through two primary means: Chancellor's Fellowships which are cash awards to aid students in offsetting the price of tuition, fees and living expenses; and Graduate Assistantships which provide students with a full tuition waiver, a \$2,500/semester stipend, and insurance benefits in exchange for 10

hrs/week of student work. The program maintains a minimum of 7 GA positions, which are assigned on a semester by semester basis. Additional GA positions may become available based on the need of other departments or campus organizations for landscape architecture-related skills.

Employment Status

Graduates of our program are currently employed in professional landscape architectural design offices, multidisciplinary architecture and engineering firms, and public sector agencies such as the National Park Service and municipal governments. Historically, our students have a very high success rate for securing employment and they are placed across the US and internationally.