



Mini-portfolio requirements for ECA exchanges

This year, exchange students applying to Edinburgh College of Art will be asked to submit a mini-portfolio for consideration by the relevant department programme director. There are different requirements depending on the School within ECA.

For Interior Design and the School of Design

The mini-portfolio should include:

- Between 3 to 5 projects
- Each project should represent the strongest aspects of your work, showing your ability to tackle a variety of creative challenges

Each project should include:

- **Project overview:**
A brief description of each project (1–2 sentences), explaining the creative context and your specific approach or solution.
- **High-quality visuals:**
Include high-resolution or links to a video which presents your work in good quality.
- **Creative process:**
Documentation of your process (e.g. sketches, mood boards, prototypes, story boards) to showcase how you approach specific challenges from start to finish.

For the School of Art

The mini-portfolio should include:

- **10 images of artwork:**
This should be predominantly resolved work however may include preparatory research, drawings and models. This document can also contain links to video or sound works (maximum 10 minutes). Images should be annotated with the title of the artwork, date of completion, material, and dimensions (height x width x depth).
- **A supporting statement of up to 300 words:**
This should offer insight into your artistic practice, which may include methods you use to research and develop your ideas. You can reference subjects and artists you are interested in and the materials, scale, context and process you chose when creating your artwork.

File size and format

Keep your portfolio file size manageable. Use high-quality but optimised images. If you have video files to submit, you can include a link to a video file or an external platform (e.g. Vimeo or YouTube) where the project can be viewed.

Deadlines and submission

Portfolios must be submitted by the application deadlines:

- **1 May** for students starting in September
- **1 October** for students starting in January

We will not be able to process applications that do not have a portfolio submitted by the deadline.

Portfolios should be submitted to the Study Abroad team:

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