How to Apply for the
Master of Fine Arts Degree

Application Process – Part I: Application to the University
Graduate application forms and a graduate course catalog may be obtained by contacting the Office of Graduate Admissions at 973-720-2237. Completed applications must include:

- A one-time application fee of $50.00
- All official undergraduate transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of Written Statement describing your interest (see below)

The deadline for the Graduate School Application for fall admissions to the MFA program:
- Early Decision application deadline, February 1st, Regular Decision application deadline, April 1st

Application Process – Part II:
Application to the Art Department, the Portfolio Packet

- **Portfolio:** Applicants for a Masters of Fine Arts in Visual Art are required to submit a digital portfolio of twenty images on a cross platform CD or DVD. CDs and DVDs must be accompanied by a separate hardcopy description of each image with the title, medium, date, size (where appropriate) and name of the applicant.

- **Written Statement:** In addition to the portfolio requirements, all applicants must submit a statement of 500 words describing your interest in obtaining a Master of Fine Arts Degree. In the statement of intent you are to include:
  - Your specific art interests
  - Describe your historical and contemporary art influences
  - Indicate your professional plans and career goals

- **Resume:** This documents the chronology of your educational and work experience including art experience, grants, honors, awards, exhibitions, and publications.

- **Art Department Information Form:** This form is included in this information packet and should be submitted as part of the portfolio packet.

- **Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope:** Applicants who wish the portfolio returned must include a self-addressed stamped envelope of appropriate size with the portfolio packet.

*NOTE: GREs, MATs, or GMATs are not required for acceptance to the Master of Arts Visual Art Program. Students with English as a second language must provide documentation for TOEFL exam scores of at least 550 that are no more than two years old.

Send Part I: Application to the University
(fee, application, official transcripts, letters of recommendation, copy of statement of intent) to:
Office of Graduate Admissions
Raubinger Hall, Room 139
William Paterson University
300 Pompton Road
Wayne, NJ 07470

Send Part II: The Portfolio Packet
(slides and/or CD/DVD, statement of intent, resume, Art Department Info Form) to:
Michael Rees, Associate Professor
Graduate Arts Program Co-Coordinator
Power Arts 120
William Paterson University
300 Pompton Road
Wayne, NJ 07470