

Letter of motivation

Dear Jury of the competition,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the IE Master in Architecture (MArch) programme. As an architect, I am committed to working for the improvement of the places where people live, and I believe that obtaining a solid professional and academic education is the best way to achieve this goal.

I obtained my professional degree in Architecture and Urbanism in 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, after developing my Final Project at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the National University of Cordoba (FAUD-UNC, Argentina). My interest in environmental issues arose during my studies, which motivated me to seek knowledge on how to integrate architecture with sustainability and technology to create solutions that minimise society's impact on the environment. The natural diversity of my home country and its southern location led me to focus my architectural studies on extreme climates, topics that later inspired my undergraduate thesis: an extension project for an Antarctic station on Marambio Island.

The ecological impacts generated by human activity in Antarctica have progressively intensified the potential environmental risks. We understand that it is inevitable that man will colonise nature, in fact, Argentina today has 13 Antarctic bases, but part of the project is to understand that we have to have scientific stations of quality and not quantity. The challenge is therefore to minimise the anthropogenic factor of change, to be able to anticipate the global consequences, which will undoubtedly be enormous, and to preserve as much as possible the natural values of Antarctica for the benefit of future generations. It is our duty as architects to adapt to the climatic situation and to learn how to respond to both the research area and environmental issues.

My interest in architectural design has grown over the course of my professional experience. Working at Ben-Avid, an office that has won numerous international competitions, has allowed me to develop both public building and urban projects.

I believe that I could contribute substantial research and work to your university. My relationship with the university where I obtained my undergraduate degree is close, as I have worked as an assistant in the architecture department, as a researcher and have edited two books for the architecture department.

As a young, female architect in the process of training, it would be a very valuable experience for me to study at EI as I believe it can bring me new ways of thinking and seeing the world.