Successful applicants typically meet or exceed the following criteria:

International applications should be submitted by Dec. 1. Late than Jan. 15 prior to the fall semester for which entrance is sought. Domestic applications must be received by the program no later than Jan. 15 prior to the fall semester for which entrance is sought.

Domestic applications should be submitted by Dec. 1. Late applications may be considered under special circumstances.

Meeting these criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. The program accepts relatively few new doctoral students each fall; qualified applicants may exceed available openings.

For review and decision purposes, students are required to upload an unofficial copy of their transcript(s) in the online application. The program requires one copy of the scanned transcript from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended. This includes community colleges, summer sessions and extension programs. While credits from one institution may appear on the transcript of a second institution, unofficial transcripts must be submitted from each institution, regardless of the length of attendance and whether courses were completed.

Failure to list and submit transcripts from all institutions previously attended is considered a violation of academic ethics and may result in the cancellation of admission or dismissal from the university.

Only after a student is recommended for admission will they need to provide official transcripts.

Graduate advising is available by phone (303-492-7977), email (cmcigrad@colorado.edu) or in person (Hellems 96D).

Program Overview

Doctoral students in the IAWP PhD program take 30 credit hours of required course work in the first two years of the program, followed by 30 dissertation credit hours, for a total of 60 hours.

The required course work will include an interdisciplinary set of IAWP classes that introduces students to collaborative, practice-based research processes in the digital arts and humanities. The course work includes Introduction to Practice-Based Research (IAWP 6000), Intermedia Collaboratory (IAWP 6200), Theory and Practice of Doing (IAWP 6100) and the Intermedia Seminar (IAWP 6800). Students are also encouraged to take approved courses offered by departments inside and outside the College of Media, Communication and Information.

At the end of their second year, students will take their general examination. Once they have passed the general examination, their research will focus on the creation of an original and substantial project centered on practice-based research. The final outcome of their research will result in a creative work accompanied by a written dissertation.
Time Limit

Students are expected to complete the program and their practice-based research project in four years.