

Master Innovative Textile Development

For the Master in Innovative Textile Development (ITD) we are looking for students with drive, self-reflection, a talent for innovation and a passion for textile materials. We not only work with a set of minimum educational requirements but also select students based on their motivation and creative, self-reflective and entrepreneurial capabilities.

Admission requirements

For students starting their master ITD in the 2025 - 2026 academic year, all teaching will be done in English. Therefore, all students must have a level of proficiency in English equivalent to IELTS 6. This is

- Comparable with an English-language Bachelor of Science.
- Comparable with a degree in F&TT from Saxion or AMFI.

Direct admission

Students with a Bachelor of Science in Fashion & Textile Technologies (F&TT and its predecessor TEM) and students who hold a bachelor's degree from partner universities of Saxion F&TT qualify for direct admission*. However, students have to go through the selection procedure where they can be admitted or rejected.

**Direct admission means, students do not need provide English level proficiency, they are not obliged to follow the e-learning module and their diploma will not be further verified by Nuffic.*

Conditional admission

Students with a Bachelor (of science in a technical/design/product development subject) other than Fashion & Textile Technology qualify for conditional admission after going through the selection procedure. This means that, upon applying, they will be required to follow a study programme to bring their basic knowledge of textiles to the relevant level. That programme entails a study load of approximately 100 hours.

This is an e-learning programme which includes online support from a lecturer who is digitally available once a week for any questions. The programme consists of various modules that are completed with digital tests. Although these are diagnostic assessments, they are nevertheless compulsory. Students are obliged to put in the necessary effort; completion of these tests is a condition for admission to the master programme.

Selection procedure

To be admitted to the programme, students must upload the required documentation which forms part of the selection process. Portfolio, Motivation letter, C.V and Innovation Case.

Criteria

We select students based on the following criteria:

- **Interest and knowledge of the subject:** Demonstrate your interest in and knowledge of textile materials and show that you are keen to develop deeper into this topic.
- **Your capacity for self-reflection:** Reflect critically on your portfolio and be clear about what you want to focus on during the master in order to achieve your goals.
- **Capacity for creativity and innovation:** After your application you will receive an innovation case from us. Use the case provided to demonstrate your talent for innovation and creativity.
- **Capacity for and interest in research:** Demonstrate your interest in and capacity for research. You may use the innovation case or any previously done research work to demonstrate this. Research capabilities are an important element, required to successfully complete project modules and master thesis towards the end of the master.
- **Communication and entrepreneurial skills:** It is possible that you will be invited for an interview with the admission committee to elaborate your skills which includes an elevator pitch about your ideas stemming from the innovation case. You can demonstrate by specific examples whether you are a team player.

We can admit a maximum of 24 students to start in September 2025. We aim to have a mix of 50% of Dutch and 50% of international students.

Procedure

1. You can apply on *Studielink* (more information on <https://www.saxion.edu/>)
2. You must submit the following information in studielink/SIS-portal:
 - Portfolio: CV + examples of your own work (e.g. bachelor thesis, products from projects).
 - Motivation letter: Reflect critically on your portfolio and be clear about what you want to focus on during the master in order to achieve your goals.
 - Proof of English language skills.
3. If your application is accepted, you will receive an innovation case. Innovation case guidelines are also available to download (please look at the web portal of master innovative textile development at <http://www.saxion.edu>). You may wait for application acceptance or use this time to prepare the innovation case in order to save time.
 - Innovation case: In the innovation case you will be asked to propose an improvement or solution for the fibre/textile-based product/process/application/ market segment. If necessary, you will be invited for an interview, and you must submit a visual representation of your improvement or solution before the interview. You will then hold an elevator

pitch of max. 5 minutes during the interview. You need to submit the innovation case in advance, at least one week before the interview, if necessary. You are free to choose the format which you want to use for submitting your innovation case such as an audio-visual presentation, a document, a movie and/or any other appropriate way to communicate.

4. We will inform you of whether you have been accepted within 1 week after examining your files or after the interview if necessary.
 - a. Students with F&TT or a comparable degree: direct admission/rejection.
 - b. Students with a bachelor's degree in a technical/design/product development subject: conditional admission/rejection.

In the case of conditional admission, we will send you a licence for the e-learning programme. You have until 20 August 2025 to complete that programme. It is compulsory to do the tests at the end of each module: these must be completed before 20 August. If your test results fall below expectations, you will be required to attend a meeting with the course director to discuss the reasons for your disappointing results.

When invited for an interview

The interview will cover the following topics:

1. The goals you have set yourself based on your portfolio/innovation case.
2. Elevator pitch about the innovation case.
3. Proof of having attained the required level of proficiency in English.
4. Your interest in and knowledge of textile materials/processes.
5. If necessary, an English test during the interview.

Admission Committee

The Admission Committee that conducts the interview consists of 2 lecturers.

Admission costs

The costs for a TOEFL or IELTS test if necessary.

Validity of the procedure

The validity of this document will be reviewed annually in the context of procedural evaluation to ensure the quality of the master's degree programme.

Appeal:

1. A dispute is involved if a student disagrees with a decision taken regarding him.
2. When the candidate is not satisfied with the outcome of the admission interview results,

he/she may ask the director of master ITD for a second opinion. If the candidate is still not satisfied with the second opinion, the following step is still valid.

3. It is possible for the person involved to appeal against a negative decision to the Board of Appeal for Examinations of Saxion University of Applied Sciences.