

Honors Master Program

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Welcome!

Honors in the Graduate School

- Define, explore and achieve your own ambitious goals
- Improve your personal and professional awareness
- Develop your professional leadership skills
- Design a program suited to your own interests and needs
- Learn from and together with fellow students from all scientific disciplines
- Gain experience in real life organizations and projects
- Give yourself a head start for your future career and job opportunities

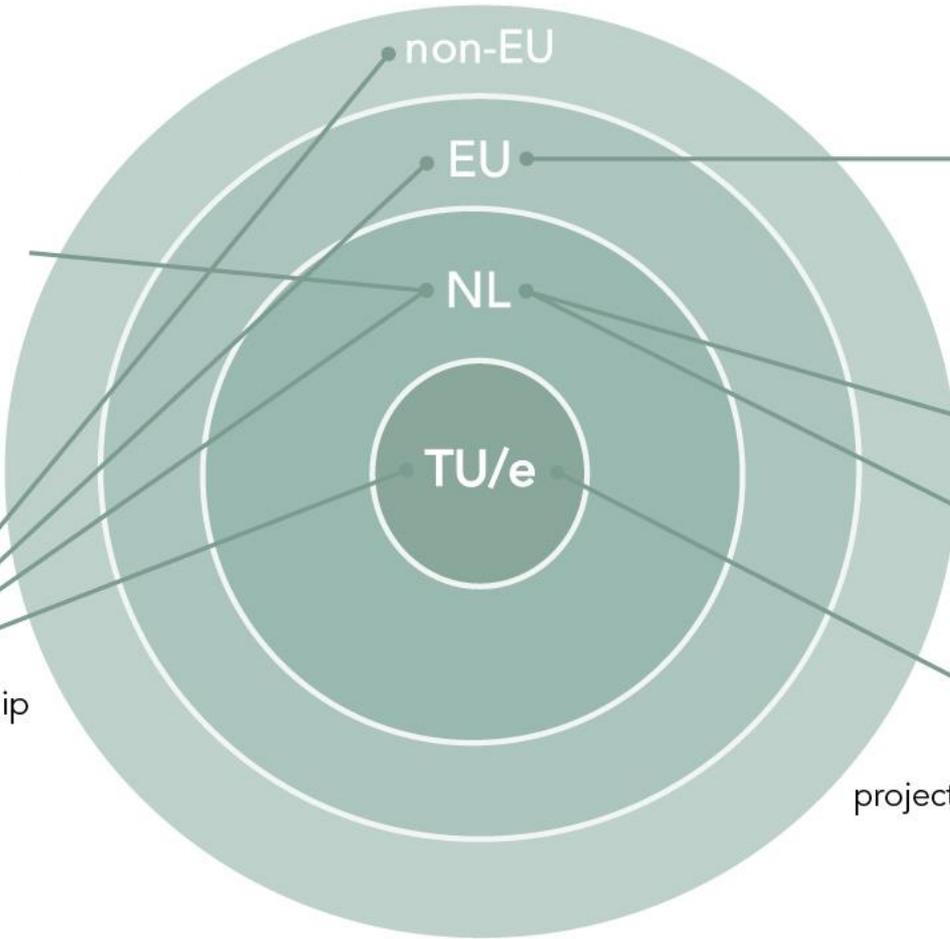
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Honors Master Program

- Personal Leadership Experience (5 ECTS)
 - Guided by Esther
- Professional Development (15 ECTS)
 - Guided by supervisor

Period		Regular Master	Honors Master program
Year 1	S1	Courses	
	S2	Courses	Personal Leadership Experience
Year 2	S1	Internship / Graduation Project	Professional Development
	S2	Graduation project	Professional Development





project / internship
@ company



**4TU RESPONSIBLE
SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE**

innovation Space
project and one elective



6 Examples of Professional Development

Who are we looking for?

- Students who are motivated to learn and develop themselves on top of their regular program (10 hours per week)
- Steady study pace
- Motivation



What we offer & what we expect from you

What do we offer?

- Interesting intensive workshops (Personal Leadership Experience)
- Freedom and support in your development and in shaping your program (you are in the lead!)
- A nice, engaged and active community

What do we expect from you?

- To be present
(*First year: Kick off and PLE -sessions. Second year: intervision sessions*)
- To meet deadlines and keep us up-to-date about your Honors Master Program

Honors Study Association: Confluente



Interested?

Check their website: www.hsaconfluente.nl
or email: info@hsaconfluente.nl

Application Procedure

- Application letter and a tentative plan for Professional Development to GPD
Deadline February 19
- An interview with your GPD
February 20 - 27
- You will be informed about your admission
March 6
- Program starts in the week of March 17



Check the application procedure on the [educationguide](#)



Kick-off: **March 11**

If you are interested to apply for the Honors Master Program, please reserve this date in your agenda.

Personal Leadership Experience

By Esther van der Ham

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“This is the best course that I had in university because it helped me to base my decisions, in every thing that I do, on love instead of fear.”

Boris Zwaan

Honors Master Alumnus
Master Chemical Engineering



Meetings	Topics	Skills/ results
Live your life joyfully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Personal leadership? - What makes me shine? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflection - Self-awareness
Steering towards joy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on what you really want 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritizing - Decision making
Dancing in the rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navigating the highs and lows of life. - Dealing with emotions: the power of thought. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peace of mind - Personal courage
You've got talent!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are your talents? - How to use these to live joyfully 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-awareness - Talent-development
Self-care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to be healthy & energized? - Being vs Doing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work-life balance - Energy management
Your inner navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using your intuition & gut feeling - Applying your inner knowing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence - Authentic decision making
Let's shine together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dare to ask - Dare to connect & share your potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking for help - Collaboration & win-win
Celebrate!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share your lessons learned & next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1% rule - Inspire

* Professional Leadership Experience sessions (8) are always on Mondays or Tuesdays

Experiences by Honors Master student

Tjeerd de Geus

Affordable housing Cape Town

Tjeerd de Geus



- Being involved in development projects in poor areas
- Collaboration with NGO in Cape Town
- Businessplan for 10 affordable houses



Affordable housing Cape Town



- Housing crisis investigation
- Targetgroup analysis
- Building methods
- Design proposals
- Costing
- Just the beginning...

Experiences by Honors Master student

Alexandra Pankova

Introduction



Alexandra D. Pankova

MSc Graduate of the Built Environment (double track A&U)

Honors Academy project: "Generative AI Implementation in Architectural Practice"

Why did I join Honors?

- Opportunity to learn more about my goals and talents
- Chance to explore my motivation and drivers
- Other students' reviews
- Curiosity 😊

Why did I choose this project?

- I am an innovation- and creativity-driven individual
- It was aligned with my priority for professional growth
- It bridged the gap between theory and practice, leaving a lot of space for exploration

How was my project organized?

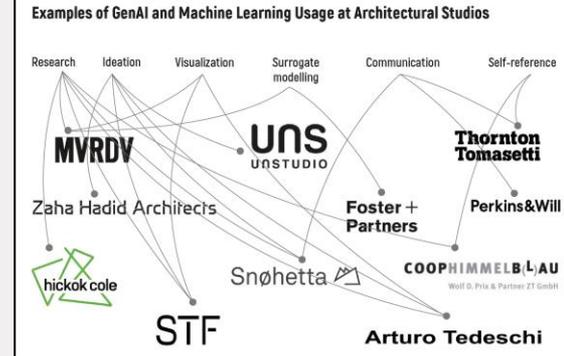
- It was partially connected to my internship
- It was scheduled during the Research phase of the Graduation Studio
- It was designed to be completed before graduation in Feb. 2025

The project and the outcomes

- I tested GAI tools and evaluated their potential in real work environment (also defined the most applicable tools and phases of design for the specific firm)
- I studied examples of GAI use by architectural firms all over the world
- I made a manual for employees on GAI usage
- I presented results and shared knowledge on the topic

Skills that I acquired

- Deepened my understanding of GAI tools and their use in architectural practice
- Advanced in-depth knowledge of systematically and methodologically conducting research within a designed framework
- Developed methods of integrating GAI within established workflows in architectural practice
- Improved presentation style, communication, and interaction with the audience
- Acquired skill in prioritizing tasks and focusing on my long-term goals
- Learned to trust my own skills and intuition
- Became proficient in arranging schedule in a sustainable way



More questions?

Join the online Q&A session:
February 17
12.35-13.25h

See link to the Q&A on the
education guide



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