

RADA

MA Theatre Costume Reference Guide

Thank you for agreeing to complete a reference for an applicant to the MA Theatre Costume Programme at RADA.

This two-year programme develops advanced skills in costume making and supervision through hands-on work on public productions. Students are encouraged to explore how costume shapes storytelling, while working in a supportive, collaborative environment that prepares them for a professional career. The training equips them to take creative risks and step confidently into an evolving industry.

At RADA, we learn by doing. Students engage in hands-on, vocational training that immerses them in theatre production, ensuring they are fully equipped for success in the industry. The programme's three strands develop student's identity as creative practitioners, lighting designers and technical specialists. You can read more about the programme [on our website](#).

Referee Requirements

References should be completed by someone who has a professional relationship with the Applicant and has known the applicant for at least two years. Referees do not need to be professional lighting designers, directors, or artistic collaborators of the applicant.

Reference Guidance

Please provide a professional reference that:

- Is one A4 page; and
- Includes the Applicant's name; and
- Includes the referee's contact details.

Please include your experience of the following:

- Your relationship to the Applicant; and
- The duration of your relationship; and
- Their suitability for study at Level 7 (MA); and
- Their suitability for a vocational programme; and
- Your experience of the Applicant's collaborative and independent work; and
- Any experience you have of their practice as a creative artist.

Reference Submission

You will receive a link from Embark, our admissions portal, where you can upload your reference. If you have any problems, please email admissions@rada.ac.uk.

Other Links

- [Programme Webpage](#)
- [Programme Specification](#)
- [How to apply](#)

Thank you again for your support of the Applicant.