Portfolio Guidelines for 2020/21:

The portfolio:
Your application must include a portfolio of 10 to 15 carefully curated A3 (or larger) pages. These pages should include examples of past work and must include evidence of the following:

• Research and investigation:
  To show the level of your engagement in visual investigation and research and how well you apply and integrate it within a design project. This could be through the medium of note taking, sketches, photographs, painting, collages and so on...

• Design development:
  To show your ability to explore and develop ideas in a creative and critical way; and your level of skill and ability in the use of different visual methods and techniques to express development. We want you to show a strong evolution of your work and ideas.

• Visual communication and presentation:
  To clearly communicate and visually express your design projects from start to finish in a professional way.

Additional material - Sketchbook and statement:
In addition to the portfolio above we recommend including one or two complete sketchbooks and one written personal statement of no more than 400 words about why you have applied to Heriot-Watt and what has motivated you to choose this subject and University.

• Please do not bring any large or fragile items to any interview.
• Please only bring one portfolio and up to two sketchbooks.
• Please label items with your name.
• Please be aware that we interview all successful applicants for all portfolio programmes and bringing the above portfolio, statement and sketchbooks is required at interview.