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MISSION STATEMENT

RISD's career services feature a comprehensive program that provides education in the skills artists and designers need to succeed in their professional and creative lives. These initiatives provide practical resources for students and alumni, and connect directly to the college's academic departments through integrated and collaborative programs within studios and classrooms. The office provides traditional personalized counseling, but also emphasizes innovative electronic formats to provide resources to both student and alumni populations. Uniquely, we work to provide outreach services in the areas of grants, fellowships and residencies and in freelance and enterprise education.

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Career Counseling

Professional guidance for students and alumni; supports multiple modalities and locations: in-person, email and telephone.

ArtWorks

Searchable online databases with job listings and internships. New interactive profile system insures communication to students and alumni.

Career Library and On-Line Resources

Network of electronic resources: new on-line career library features customized tagging and search tools for thousands of discipline-specific sites; handouts, guides and PDFs provide career guidance.

Departmental Education

Office teaches in more than 19 academic departments; works collaboratively within academic and studio settings; engages students within their disciplines; partners with faculty to create, promote and expand career programming.

SEMINAR PROGRAMS

Through more than 40 seminars and programs, students and alumni learn about critical career issues. Presentations cover issues of creative professional practice; freelance and enterprise expertise; core career skills related to resume, portfolio and website development; alumni and other professional speakers are featured.

Portfolio Reviews

Divisional reviews feature more than 140 companies, firms and studios on campus.

On-Campus Recruiting

Combined recruitment and educational program: features major corporations.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

College Art Sales

Four sales with Providence and San Francisco locations; alumni and student participants.

Grants, Fellowships and Residencies

Centralized and expanded research resources; students and alumni advised on options, application process and deadlines; provides direct editorial and content guidance for Fulbright, Marshall, Windgate, Gelman and Lewis grants; offers general support for numerous other art and design funding resources

Freelance and Enterprise Education

Provides seminars on areas such as copyrights, contracts, business principles, and other freelance skills. Collaborations with city, state and federal resources connect potential entrepreneurs to resources; sponsor RI enterprise programs to connect to local business enterprise community; directs new campus task force to develop effective models.

We work with all RISD students to insure they have the career tools needed to find and follow their creative path. To help make that possible, we ask their active participation in the seminars, programs and services we offer.

We provide individual and small group career counseling; job and internship listings; an online career library; electronic tools and resources; visual portfolio samples; portfolio reviews; access to companies and recruiting opportunities, and information about marketing, promotion, grants and residencies.

In addition to more than 40 seminars covering timely career topics, we teach in-studio presentations (outlined below) which further educate students as they progress toward careers in art and design. Here is the outline of these programs, year by year.

Career Essentials

Educational strategies for emerging artists and designers:

We provide RISD students with accurate, current and comprehensive career education as part of an on-going process throughout their college experience. In addition to our evening seminars, we teach a sequence of targeted, discipline-specific programs within the studio and classroom.

Freshman Year: Overview

Presentations for freshmen address the wide range of careers and opportunities in art and design, emphasize alumni career outcomes and review available career resources and tools. Programs are designed to inform decisions about major choice.

Create Profile: In-coming students complete their initial ArtWorks registration, and insure they receive emails about job, internship and seminar information throughout the year.

Sophomore Year: In the Field

Presentations within the major discuss the value of internships, how to find and create these experiences, the process for credit and non-credit bearing internships, and examples of successful outcomes. Career resources and tools are introduced with an emphasis on those most critical to the discipline. Students are encouraged to begin creating their resume, portfolio and website.

Update Profile: As they enter the major, students update their ArtWorks registration; this new profile will insure email notification of related job, internship and seminar listings throughout the year.

Junior Year: Emphasis

Programs explore pre-professional issues within the major and demonstrate and discuss alumni career paths. The internship search process is further developed with an emphasis on how to identify and find appropriate sites, as a prelude to later job searches. Students learn about on-campus portfolio reviews and how to access more focused career resources and tools. Students are asked to complete a working resume, portfolio and website.

Expand Profile: Students update and broaden their ArtWorks registration; this in-depth registration will assist in directing appropriate job, internship, and seminar listings and company information throughout the year.

Senior Year: Outcomes

Discipline-specific presentations emphasize professional goals, career outcomes and the search for companies and opportunities leading to career employment. Programs focus on the portfolio reviews and recruitment process while teaching advanced use of career resources and tools. Students are expected to finalize their resume, portfolio and website.

Refine Profile: Students complete a targeted ArtWorks registration; this information helps firms, companies and other hiring partners review the work of graduating students, and insure students get job listings, company visits and recruiting dates.

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The career needs and interests of graduate students are often very personalized. It is likely you have come here for a specific reason. Our goal is to help you achieve it.

We work with all RISD students to insure they have the career tools needed to find and follow their own creative path. To help make that possible, we ask your active participation in the seminars, programs and services we offer. Many of these programs apply directly to your potential goals and outcomes and will be of value to you. Additionally, we recognize the need for programs specifically designed for graduate students and the importance of individual meetings.

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First Year Graduate Students

Resources: Graduate-level presentations address resources, internships, grants, residencies, and artistic communities suited to professional goals, and show all available career resources and tools. We provide information and tools for resume, portfolio and website development.

Career Profile: Students complete a preliminary ArtWorks registration to insure they receive job, internship and seminar listings, company information, recruiting dates and other activities throughout the year.

Second Year Graduate Students

Outcomes: Programs review resources and tools related to specific fields and disciplines as well as discussing galleries, grants, residencies, and artistic communities. Discussion of professional goals and outcomes emphasizes on-campus portfolio reviews and recruitment. Students are encouraged to finalize a professional resume, portfolio and website.

Career Profile: Students update and expand their ArtWorks registration, and insure they receive internship listings, company information, recruiting dates and other career activities throughout the year.

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GRADUATE

STUDENTS

Seminars and Programs 2009-2010

(open to all students and alumni; most begin at 7 pm)

FALL

create

A NAME FOR YOURSELF

- CAREER RESOURCES / RESIDENT ASSISTANTS
- CAREER OPTIONS / RISD BY DESIGN
- INTERNSHIPS / SUCCESS
- INTERNSHIPS / FIND
- RESUME / BUILD
- RESUME / CRIT
- COLLABORATION / CONFERENCE
- INVENT YOUR FUTURE IN RI / GOVERNMENT
- CAREER ESSENTIALS / Educational strategies for emerging artists + designers. Presented in studios and class settings.

WINTER

build

AN ENTREPRENEURIAL FUTURE

- INTERNSHIPS / FIND
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP / LAUNCH
- RISD-BUILT / BUSINESSES
- BUSINESS PLAN / COMPETITION
- MARKETING + PROMOTION / CREATE
- CONTRACTS / PROFESSIONAL
- NETWORKING / WALLFLOWERS
- RISD-BUILT / FREELANCE TO BUSINESS
- LICENSING / PRODUCT TO MARKET
- COPYRIGHTS / PROTECTION
- PITCH / PECHA KUCHA
- ACCOUNTING / FINANCE

SPRING

launch

YOUR ART AND DESIGN CAREER

- RESUME / BUILD
- PORTFOLIO / BUILD
- INTERVIEW / IN THE HOT SEAT
- INVENT YOUR FUTURE IN RI // DESIGN
- INVENT YOUR FUTURE IN RI / FINE ART
- JOBS / FIND
- JOBS / SOCIAL NETWORKING
- BE OUR GUEST / RESIDENCIES
- FULBRIGHT / OTHER GRANTS
- CAREER ESSENTIALS / Educational strategies for emerging artists + designers. Presented in studios and class settings.

SPRING

connect

TO PROFESSIONALS, INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS

portfolio reviews

- ARCHITECTURE + INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE + LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- INDUSTRIAL DESIGN + FURNITURE DESIGN
- ILLUSTRATION + ANIMATION
- FINE ARTS
- TEXTILE DESIGN
- APPAREL DESIGN

recruitment

Selected companies plan recruitment visits to give presentations, meet with students and review portfolios. Roster of firms changes annually.