

Cinema and Digital Media Career Resources

(Film Studies)

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CAREER PLANNING MODEL: A LIFELONG PROCESS

Self-Exploration

Work Research*

Experiential Education

Decision Making

Job Search Skills

Career Management



RECOMMENDATIONS TO GET YOU STARTED ON YOUR CAREER SEARCH

Career Exploration Opportunities at UC Davis

- Work of Art: Career Series for Students in the Arts workshops are provided by the Arts Group Advising Center arts.ucdavis.edu/calendar
- The Internship and Career Center Career offers weekly job search related workshops and provides one to one career advising icc.ucdavis.edu
- The Undergraduate Career Exploration Group recognizes career decision-making is an ongoing process, which can be more effective within an interactive, supportive group approach shcs.ucdavis.edu/node/570
- The Center for Leadership Learning offers a few career development workshops during the academic year cll.ucdavis.edu/workshops
- AMS 95: Careers and Identity in American Culture Course (2 units)

Visit the UC Davis Internship and Career Center (ICC)

The ICC offers resources, workshops, and one to one assistance with job search techniques, career fairs, and more! Don't wait until your last quarter to take advantage of these resources provided by the ICC. Location: 2nd Floor South Hall, icc.ucdavis.edu

International Students and Employment

As a student in F-1 status, you may work on-campus up to 20 hours per week during the academic year, and full-time during school vacation periods. Curricular Practical Training (CPT) permits F-1 status students to take a job directly related to their field of study. Optional Practical Training (OPT) gives an F-1 student the opportunity to apply what they have learned in a degree program through off-campus employment after completion of all degree requirements. Employment approval takes at least 90 days, so careful planning is required.

For more information and to determine your eligibility for F-1 employment, please contact Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS) sis.ucdavis.edu

Learn How to Network and Conduct Informational Interviews

Career advisers will always say the best way to find a job is to network! Begin inquiring about the types of career opportunities you are seeking with your professors, lecturers, alumni, and working artists. Next, conduct informational interviews to learn about careers and grow your network. Attend a Work of Art Workshop or visit the Internship and Career Center to enhance your networking skills and learn how to conduct informational interviews.

Complete an Internship

An internship or a volunteer opportunity will develop your skills and help you discover career opportunities. The experience will greatly enhance your resume by displaying your relevant experience and exposure to the world of art beyond the classroom.

Complete a Research Project

The UC Davis Undergraduate Research Center - urc.ucdavis.edu - empowers students to find research opportunities and provides resources to hone the skills that are vital to success as a researcher. From scientific experiments to the scholarly analysis of literature, doing research is an ideal way to improve your future career prospects. Hands-on experience can help you narrow your interests and identify your aptitudes. If you are sure of

your goals, it can provide you with skills that will be valued by employers and allow you to interact more closely with faculty mentors. Faculty will know your work and can provide future references.

Join a Professional Association

Before and after you graduate, keep in touch with the cinema and digital media world by joining an association related to your area of interest. An association membership will help you transition your identity from a student to a working professional, and provide the opportunity to discover career opportunities and enhance your network.

KEY AREAS OF CINEMA AND DIGITAL MEDIA AND RELATED JOB TITLES

(A few examples, not inclusive of all possibilities)

Animation and Special Effects

animation director, animation and special effects, background painter, character animator, character rigger, color key artist, compositing artist, concept artist, digital painter, director, effects animator, flash animator, forensic animator, [inbetweener](#), independent film maker, key animator, lighting technician, mathematical modeler, render wrangler, [stop motion animator](#), storyboard artist, texture artist, visual development artist

Audiovisual and Digital Media

[art director](#), [animator](#), computer graphics, graphic art, illustrator, [multimedia artist](#), special effects artist,

Digital Arts/Video Production

[digital artist](#), digital marketing specialists, digital content manager, directing, documentary film maker, educational media designer, film & video editors, managing production, videographers, photography, recording and audio, script writing, producers, sound designer, video game designer, video producer, virtual reality filmmaker

Electronic Production and Design/Music

arranger, composer, computer music researcher, consultant, digital audio editor, educator, MIDI Pre-producer, multimedia developer, jingle writer, sound designer, performer, product representative, studio musician, synthesist/producer

Film and Television

Animation [animator](#), [compositor](#)

Camera [aerial specialist](#), [audio visual technician](#), [camera assistant](#), [camera operator](#), [cinematographer](#), [steadicam operator](#)

Casting [casting associate](#), [casting coordinator](#), [casting director assistant](#), [casting director/agent](#), [casting recruiter](#)

Design [art director](#), [art department coordinator](#), [colorist](#), [compositor](#), [concept artist](#), [costume designer](#), [creature designer](#), [film editor](#), [graphics operator](#), [lighting design](#), [motion graphics/capture artist](#), [production designer](#), [prop maker](#), [rotoscope artist](#), [set decorator](#), [scenic artists](#), [sound designer](#), [wardrobe stylist](#)

Images/Video [digital imaging technician](#), [picture editor](#), [story board artist](#), [tape logger](#), [video editor](#), [video engineer](#), [video tape operator](#), [videographer](#)

Production [anchor](#), [assistant director](#), [assistant script supervisor](#), [associate producer](#), [broadcast engineer](#), [construction coordinator](#), [data wrangler](#), [director](#), [distributor](#), [editor](#), [electrician](#), [gaffer](#), [location manager](#), [master control operator](#), [mechanical effects](#), [preditor producer](#), [production assistant](#), [production manager](#), [researcher](#), [rigging grip](#), [sales agent](#), [script supervisor](#), [second unit director](#), [show runner](#), [social media specialist](#), [stage manager](#), [story editor](#), [technical director](#), [VFX coordinator](#), [writer](#), [audio recordist](#), [audio visual technician](#), [automated dialogue replacement recordist](#), [boom operator](#), [composer](#), [dubbing mixer](#), [foley artist](#), [music editor](#), [musical arranger](#), [production sound mixer](#), [re-recording mixer](#), [sound assistant](#), [sound designer](#), [sound editor](#), [sound engineer](#), [sound recordist](#)

Special/Visual Effects [computer/visual effects](#), [special effects](#), [special effects editor](#), [stunt coordinator](#), [visual effects](#)

EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS (United States)

Reliable websites to explore career options and discover detailed information about the most common cinema and digital media related occupations.

California Career Zone cacareerzone.org

Provides California-specific information on 900 jobs and 24 career families which can be especially helpful in looking at job market trends and training requirements that vary by state. Complete the free online career assessments to determine your interests, values and skills; assessments generate a list of related careers.

O*NET OnLine Occupational Information Network onetonline.org

Provides tools for career exploration and job analysis. Allows you to find occupations by category including industry, skills performed, education needed, and green careers. Advanced Search shows careers related to your values, abilities and interests.

(Retrieved on 7/8/16, "What can I do with my Major or Degree?" UC Davis Internship and Career Center <http://icc.ucdavis.edu/research/what-can-i-do.htm>)

ONLINE CAREER RESOURCES (A few examples, not inclusive of all possibilities)

Animation Career Review animationcareerreview.com

Art Jobs artjobs.artsearch

The Art Career Project theartcareerproject.com

Glassdoor glassdoor.com

LinkedIn Alumni Tool, Groups and Jobs linkedin.com

Media Match (film and television job board) media-match.com

UC Davis Internship and Career Center – Handshake icc.ucdavis.edu/handshake

Google Internet Search: type the following phrases to generate career information

(Retrieved on 10/7/16 from googleguide.com/advanced_operators_reference.html)

inurl: If you include inurl: in your query, Google will restrict the results to documents containing that word in the [URL](#).

digital arts inurl:careers

film production inurl:careers

intitle: The query intitle:*animation* restricts results to documents containing *animation* in the [title](#). For instance, [[flu shot intitle:help](#)] will return documents that mention the word “help” in their titles, and mention the words “flu” and “shot” anywhere in the document (title or not).

intitle:audio visual careers

intitle:digital text careers

intitle:3D animation careers

intitle:video production careers

intitle:electronic music careers

CINEMA AND DIGITAL MEDIA ASSOCIATIONS (A few examples, not inclusive of all possibilities)

The Art Career Project theartcareerproject.com

Computer and Video Game Design Entertainment Software Association theesa.com

Digital Media Association digmedia.org

International Digital and Media Arts Association idmaa.org

The Society of Illustrators societyillustrators.org

User Experience Professional Association uxpa.org

GRADUATE EDUCATION

UC Davis Pre-Graduate / Professional School Advising and Workshops

success.ucdavis.edu/grad-prof

The College Art Association - collegeart.org - publishes *Graduate Programs in the Visual Arts*, comprehensive resources of schools across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. These list over 650 programs in fine art and design, art and architectural history, arts administration and supply everything a prospective graduate student needs to know before beginning the application process.

UC DAVIS CINEMA AND DIGITAL MEDIA EVENTS

UC Davis Film Festival

Participation in the annual UC Davis Film Festival is a great way to get experience and showcase your work! Featuring a remarkable variety of short student-produced films, the filmmakers, undergraduate and graduate students, created works from narrative and documentary to experimental, and brought a rich diversity to the screen. The Film Festival is produced by the departments of Art Studio, Cinema and Digital Media, Design, Music, and Theatre and Dance. More information online: facebook.com/FilmFestatUCDavis

Davis Feminist Film Festival

Many students participate in the annual Davis Feminist Film Festival, and count this work toward an internship for units.

UC DAVIS CINEMA & DIGITAL MEDIA, FILM STUDIES, AND TECHNOCULTURAL STUDIES INTERNSHIPS (A few examples, not inclusive of all possibilities)

Internships.com internships.com/film

Internship Programs.com internshipprograms.com

Study Abroad and in Film Studies studyabroad.ucdavis.edu

UC Davis Internship and Career Center – Handshake icc.ucdavis.edu/handshake

UC Davis Washington Program Communications and Media washingtonprogram.ucdavis.edu

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UC Davis/Regional Internships:

3D Modeling for Interactive Games Intern, UC Davis Mod Lab
Assistant Technical Director, UC Davis Picnic Day
Associate Producer Intern, Film Festival at UC Davis
Advertising and Promotion Video Intern, Davis Feminist Film Festival
Choreographer/Actor, Art Institute, Sacramento, CA
Creative Director Intern, UC Davis Aggie Studios
Director Intern, UC Davis AggieTV
Director and Supervising Editor Intern, UC Davis AggieTV
Documentary/Videography Intern, The Bishop Real Estate Group, Roseville, CA
Executive Producer, Aggie Studios
Film Production Intern, Davis Media Access, Davis, CA
Film Editor, State Compensation Insurance Fund, Sacramento, CA
Fundraising and Public Relations Intern, UC Davis Women's Resources and Research Center
Multimedia Film Production Intern, UC Davis Strategic Communication
Multimedia Production Intern, The Sacramento Bee, Sacramento, CA
Music Production Youth Mentor, Future Development Youth Center, Davis, CA
Photography Lab Intern, UC Davis Photo Lab
Publicity Director, UC Davis KDVS Radio
Producer/Director Intern, Glass Pixel Studios, Sacramento, CA
Production/Director Intern, UC Davis KDVS Radio
Production Manager Intern, UC Davis AggieTV
Production Intern, UC Davis Strategic Communications
Promotions Assistant Intern, Entercom: Radio Station 102.5, Sacramento, CA
Senior Videographer Intern, UC Davis Aggie Studios
Speaker Selection Intern, UC Davis TedX
Sponsor Relations Intern, Davis Feminist Film Festival, Davis, CA
Student Audio and Video Producer, UC Davis Academic Technology Services
Student Producer Intern, UC Davis Film Festival Club
Volunteer, Davis Media Access, Davis, CA
Videographer Intern, UC Davis AggieTV
Videographer Intern, UC Davis Athletics
Videographer Intern, Athletic Outlook, athleticoutlook.com
Video and Editing Intern, UC Davis KDVS Radio
Video Editing/Camera Operation Intern, KCRA TV, Sacramento, CA
Video Game Franchise Research Intern, UC Davis Mod Lab
Video Intern, iBuyPower, City of Industry, CA
Web Design, California Center of Media Arts and Democracy, UC Davis Center for Visualization

Other Internship Locations in the World:

Animation Production Intern, Splash Entertainment, Lionsgate, Woodland Hills, CA
Associate Producer, SOPTV, Medford, OR
Creative Development Intern, Virgin Produced
Development Intern, 8th Day Pictures
Director of Outreach Program, Qingdao Television Station Channel 2, Qingdao, China
Documentary Production Intern, Meta Movements Latin Dance Company, Jamaica Plane, MA
Editing Intern, Big Machine
Film Distribution Intern, IMAX
Hospitality/Studio Set Up Intern, Fantasy Recording Studio, Berkeley, CA
Literacy and Talent Management, Caliber Media Co., Los Angeles, CA
Marketing Intern, emberlight Inc.
Marketing and Communications Intern, Type A Machines, San Leandro, CA
Marketing and Media Intern, Center for Asian American Media
Post Production Intern, Boardwalk Pictures, Santa Monica, CA
Production Intern, CSpence
Production Intern, Mu Films
Production Intern, Legendary Digital Networks
Production/Funding Intern, Creative Europe Denmark/The Danish Film Institute, Denmark
Script Reviewer Intern, The Mark Gordon Company, Los Angeles, CA
Script Reviewer Intern, Gulfstream Pictures, Los Angeles, CA
Television and Production Intern, KQED
Video Production Intern, Bleacher Report
Videography/Social Media Marketing, My August Press, Auburn, CA
Video-Post Production Intern, Clever Edit, Sausalito, CA

UC DAVIS CINEMA & DIGITAL MEDIA, FILM STUDIES, AND TECHNOCULTURAL STUDIES ALUMNI (A few examples, not inclusive of all alumni)

Assistant, Agency for the Performing Arts
Assistant Editor, John McNeil Studio
Assistant Editor and Media Coordinator, Viacom
Associate Editor, The Mighty
Associate Producer, NBCUniversal, Inc.
Audio Visual Specialist, Santa Clara Valley Water District
AV Associate, University of San Francisco
Casting Associate, All3Media International
Chief Concierge Planner and Manager, Cinequest

Cinematographer & Editor, XSight Media
Content Producer and Editor, Freelance
Content Specialist, Fandor
Creative Communication and Marketing Director, Premier Oriental Pictures Co Ltd
Co-Founder, JK Productions
Data Manager, Technicolor
Development Coordinator, Void Media
Digital Media Marketing, Starz
Editor, DEFY Media
Editor, Rego Digital Studio
Freelance Producer and Production Designer, Jubilee Project
Freelance Writer, Vice Media Inc.
General News Assistant, KCRA TV Channel 3
Marketing Specialist, LinkUsystems, Inc.
Media Producer, KCM Agency
Multimedia Engineer, LinkedIn
Office Production Assistant, All3Media International
Post-Production Coordinator, 44 Blue Productions
Producer/Director & Live Production Manager, Shmoop
Producer and Marketing Director, Plaid Zebra Films
Production Assistant, Riding Hood Motion Pictures
Production Coordinator, BuzzFeed
Senior User Operations Associate, Yelp.com
Staff Runner, Ignition
Social Media Coordinator, Paladino Casting
Social Media Marketing Consultant, MakingOf
Technician, PSAV Presentation Services
TV Partner Operations Coordinator, Google
UX Engineer, Float
Vault Clerk, Technicolor
Video Producer, UC Davis Academic Technology Services
Videotographer/Photographer, UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies
Web Designer, Genentech
Writer/Contributor, AllThatsEpic.com