

DESIGN CAREER RESOURCES

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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

- Explore the UC Davis Design Department's website page "Resources" for career information. Find design related student clubs, events and learn more about careers arts.ucdavis.edu/design-resources
- The Arts Group Advising Center offers monthly career related workshops: Work of Art: Career Series for Students in the Arts 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 Center for Leadership Learning offers career development workshops in the evenings cll.ucdavis.edu/workshops
- 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
- AMS 95: Careers and Identity in American Culture Course (2 units)
- DES 198F: Redesigning Design Education for first and second year design majors (offered on occasion)

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! Do not 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 be eligible to 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) siss.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. icc.ucdavis.edu/find/resources/networking/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 Design Related Student Club or Organization

Involvement in student clubs and organizations can greatly enhance your awareness of focus areas and careers related to design. The Design Careers Club at UC Davis hosts annual internship networking events and a design career fair. Learn more by searching Facebook for: @designcareersclub. More information on other design related organizations can be found here: arts.ucdavis.edu/design-student-clubs

Join a Professional Association

Before and after you graduate, keep in touch with the design 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 DESIGN AND RELATED JOB TITLES (A few examples, not inclusive of all possibilities)

Exhibition Design

[set and exhibit designers](#), art coordinator, display coordinator, food stylist, presentation specialist, production designer, program director, set decorator, scenic designers, scenic arts supervisor, show design supervisor, stage set designers

Fashion and Textile Design

[fashion designers](#), accessory designer, apparel designer, buyer, color and material designer, colorist, costume designer, costumer designer, creative director, dressmaker, fabric designer, merchandiser, merchandising director, materials coordinator, men's wear designer, merchandise coordinator, product developer, pattern designer, product development associate, production coordinator, ready to wear buyer, surface designer, supply manager, shoe designer, stylist, textile designer, visual merchandiser

Interior/Architecture Design

interior architect, color and materials designer, commercial interior designer, decorator, director of interiors, drafters, environmental designer, interior design consultant, [interior designer](#), lighting designer, residential designer, stager

Product and Industrial Design [commercial and industrial designers](#), [industrial designer](#),

creative director, furniture designer, game designer, industrial designer, lighting designer, mold designer production designer, product development engineer, surf board designer, systems designer, toy designer, transportation designer, LEED green associate

Visual Communications (Digital, Environmental and Print)

[art directors](#), brand identity designer, [craft artists](#), [graphic designers](#), illustrator, layout artists, logo designer, multimedia designer, photographer, photo editor, prepress technician, web designer

[multimedia artists and animators](#): computer animator, 3D animator, 3D designer, 3D specialist, comic book artists, sound effects editor, user interface artist, user experience designer, UX designer, visual effects animation specialists, [video game designers](#)

EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS (United States)

Reliable websites to explore career options and discover detailed information about the most common design 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)

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

Coroflot coroflot.com

Department of Design, UC Davis arts.ucdavis.edu/design-resources

Design Careers Club (UC Davis) on Facebook @designcareersclub

Glassdoor glassdoor.com

Graphic Design Jobs and Leads designquote.net

Graphic Design and Printing Career Guide khake.com

LinkedIn.com (Alumni Tool, Groups, Jobs) linkedin.com

The Art Career Project theartcareerproject.com

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](#).

design inurl:careers

intitle: The query intitle:*fashion design* restricts results to documents containing *fashion* 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: keyword examples:

intitle:exhibit design careers

intitle:fashion marketing careers

intitle:lighting design careers

intitle:interior design careers

Intitle:product design careers

intitle:user experience careers

allintitle:”keywords” examples:

allintitle:“graphic design careers”

allintitle:”product design internships”

DESIGN EVENTS

UC Davis Design Department Events and Exhibitions arts.ucdavis.edu/design-events-and-exhibitions

UC Davis Design Career Fair “aims to empower students to take risks, not only in design, but also career aspirations”. Check out the Facebook pages for future information designcareerfairatucdavis

UC Davis Department of Design on Facebook @design.ucdavis

UC Davis Design Department Alumni Networking Day includes alumni panels and talks, networking opportunities, and a closing reception for the Design by Design student exhibition. POP UP booths allow alumni and students to sell crafts, products, promote their businesses and organizations, and showcase design students' who are ready for recruitment for future internships or employment.

The Visual Communication Conference viscom.org

DESIGN RELATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (A few examples)

Costume Society of America costumesocietyamerica.com

Design Council designcouncilorg.uk

The Freelancers Union freelancersunion.org

Interaction Design Association (IXDA) ixda.org

International Council of Design ico-d.org

Society for News Design (SND) snd.org

User Experience Professional Association uxpa.org

Computer and Video Game Design

Entertainment Software Association theesa.com

Fashion and Textile Design

California Fashion Association calfashion.org

Student Fashion Association at UC Davis sfaucd.com

Surface Design Association surfacedesign.org

United States Fashion Industry Association usfashionindustry.com

Interior/Architecture Design

American Institute for Architects aia.org

American Society of Interior Designers asid.org

International Interior Design Association iida.org

Product and Industrial Design

Industrial Designers Society of America idsa.org

International Furnishing and Design Association (IFDA) ifda.com

Visual Communications (Digital, Environmental and Print)

American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) aiga.org

Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on Graphics and Interactive Techniques siggraph.org

Association of Registered Graphic Designers (RGD) rgd.ca

Association Typographique Internationale atypi.org

Graphic Artists Guild graphicartistsguild.org

International Communication Association icahdq.org

International Digital and Media Arts Association idmaa.org

Society for Environmental Graphic Design segd.org

The Society of Illustrators societyillustrators.org

GRADUATE EDUCATION

UC Davis Pre-Graduate / Professional School Advising and Workshops

success.ucdavis.edu/grad-prof

UC Davis Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) Program in Design

The UC Davis MFA in Design unites theory and practice. This two-year program encourages an interdisciplinary approach. Design faculty expertise includes design theory and exhibition, fashion, history, interior architecture, lighting, textiles, and visual communication (environmental, information, print and screen-based) design.

Key Areas include: exhibition design, fashion design, history and theory of design, interior architecture, lighting design, textiles and visual communication design.

The goal of the MFA in Design is to provide advanced studies in design research. Studio faculty have expertise in visual communication (environmental, information, print and screen-based), exhibition, fashion, history, interior architecture, lighting, and textiles. Other faculty specialize in the history and theory of design, predominantly from the nineteenth century to the present, paying close attention to interpreting design within its social, political and ideological contexts. Graduate studies allows you to take seminars and work with faculty across these areas of design while exploring your own particular studio-based research, which might primarily address one of the above areas or cross back and forth between them. Graduates will be prepared for careers in both academia and professional practice.

For more information please visit the UC Davis Department of Design MFA Program in Design webpage: arts.ucdavis.edu/general-information/mfa-program-design

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.

DESIGN INTERNSHIPS

(A few examples, not inclusive of all possibilities)

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

Glassdoor glassdoor.com

Internships.com internships.com/film

Internship Programs.com internshipprograms.com

Study Abroad studyabroad.ucdavis.edu

UC Davis Spring Internship and Career Fair (April) icc.ucdavis.edu

UC Education Abroad Program uc.eap.ucop.edu

YouTern youtern.com

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UC Davis/Regional Internships:

Conservation Intern, UC Davis Design Department

Costume Assistant Intern, New Galaxy Films, Santa Rosa, CA

Costume Stitching Techniques, UC Davis Department of Theatre and Dance Costume Shop

Design Review Intern with Professional City Planners and Architects, City of Sacramento, CDD

Digital Content/Photography, Architecture & Interior Design Business, Woodland, CA

Digital Lab, Production Studio and Darkroom, UC Davis Art Department

Digital Marketing and Graphic Design, Live Nation-Ace of Spades, Sacramento, CA

Exhibition Design, UC Davis Design Museum

Fabricating Prototypes/Exhibitions, Fashion Design and Technology Lab, UC Davis

Fashion Art “Health and Wellbeing” Installation, UC Davis Textile Studio

Graphic Design, ArtStreet, Sacramento, CA

Graphic Design, UC Davis Athletic Marketing Department

Graphic Design, Davis Feminist Film Festival, UC Davis WRRRC
Graphic Design, UC Davis Pre-health Advising
Graphic Design, UC Davis College of Letters and Science
Information Design/Web Development, UC Davis Energy Efficiency Center
Intern, Design ZNE Home, UC Davis Solar Decathlon
Intern Designer, UC Davis Athletics
Intern, UC Davis Center for Design in the Public Interest
Intern, UC Davis Plug-in Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Center
Interior Design, UC Davis Design and Construction Management
Interior Design, Western Contract, Sacramento, CA
Installation and Exhibition, UC Davis Design Museum
Jr. Designer Intern, Clickspring, Roseville, CA
Lighting Design, CLTC
Managing Daylighting with Textiles, UC Davis MFA Studio
Marketing Projects, UC Davis Campus Recreation and Unions
Mobile App Designer, UC Davis Mind Institute
Multimedia/Video Installation, UC Davis Design Museum
Non-Volatile Memory Solutions – Channel Marketing Intern, Intel, Folsom, CA
Operations, Cataloging, Research, UC Davis Design Collection
Planning, Design and Construction Intern, UC Davis Design and Construction Management
Research and Design, Fashion Design and Technology Lab, UC Davis
Sustainable Design Sculpture-Bottle Consumption, UC Davis Aggie Reuse Store
Youth Mentor, Beta Lab Mobile Maker Studio, Sacramento, CA
Web Development, UC Davis Women's Resource Center
Web Design, Davis Feminist Film Festival, UC Davis WRRRC

Internships in other Locations of the World:

Exhibition Design, Museum of Wonder and Delight, Folsom, CA
Exhibition Design, Morris Graves Museum, Eureka, CA
Graphic Design, Ensyd, Los Angeles, CA
Graphic Design (typography, illustration, infographic design, layout design), Out Magazine, Brooklyn, NY
Graphic Design/Social Media, Vanessa Mooney Fashion Designer, Los Angeles, CA
Graphic/Web Design, Communication Arts & Services, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, CA
Interior Design of Underwater Lounge and Oxygen Bar, Clear Lounge, Diamond Springs, CA
Mons Royale Marketing Team Intern, Mons Royale, St. Wanaka, New Zealand
Mobile Game Intern, TipCat Interactive Inc., Shanghai
Multimedia Design, Idata, UC Davis
Production, Marketing and Editing, Myx TV, Redwood City, CA
Photography/Web Design, Metro Lighting, Berkeley, CA

UC DAVIS DESIGN ALUMNI

A few examples of the career paths UC Davis Design alumni have pursued:

Exhibition Design

Design Director, Splash! Events Inc.

Fashion and Textile Design

Associate Textile Graphic Designer, Gymboree

Buyer, Armani Jeans

Dress Designer, White House Black Market

Apparel and Optical Design, Textile Prints and Digital Illustrations, Entrepreneur

Print Stylist, Victoria's Secret

Fashion Designer, KHAADI

Freelance Assistant Manager Global Production, Banana Republic/Gap

Product Manager, SpeedLab, Adidas Group

Sustainability Team, The North Face

Tailoring and Custom Designer, Christy Rilling Studio

Teacher, Art and Design, George Washington Carver School of Arts and Sciences

Interior/Architecture Design

Architectural Lighting Designer, Birkenstock Lighting Design

Area Manager, Thomasville Furniture for Heritage Home Group LLC

Associate Professor, Program Lead of Fashion Merchandising, Kent State University

Design Principle, Bayon Design Studio, Inc.

Interior Designer, McGuire Furniture

Junior Lighting Designer, Hiram Banks Lighting Design

Lighting Designer, PritchardPect

Owner and Interior Designer, California Architectural Traditions

Product Engineer, Design & Construction, Westfield

Product and Industrial Design

Lead Product Designer, MakersKit

Product Designer, BetterWorks

Product Designer-User Interface, Highfive

UI/UX Designer and Product Manager, Maki Fund

UI/Visual Designer at Accompany, Inc.

UX Designer, GE Healthcare

Visual Communication Design (Digital, Environmental and Print)

Art Director - Concept Design Team, Apple Store
Art Director, Firewood Marketing
Associate Beauty Editor, W Magazine
Associate Marketing Specialist, Gensler
Chief Creative Officer, Happy Baby Vending
Communications Designer, Uber
Creative Director, Spring Studio User Experience Design Boutique
Creative Manager, Raleys Family of Fine Stores
Design & Media Manager, LED Intro
Design Lead, CircleUp
Designer, Pottery Barn
Digital Communications Coordinator, Lafayette 148 New York
Digital Designer, ESPN
Digital Marketing Director, Graphic Designer, AVbrandesign
Director of Design, NerdWallet
Freelance Graphic Designer and Illustrator in Publishing and Music, Berlin, Germany
Global Marketing Communications, Senior Manager, Medrobotics
Graphic Designer, Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum
Graphic Designer -Signage Coordinator, Pottery Barn at Williams Sonoma
Graphic Production Artist, Vantage Point Media
Junior Designer, HYFN
Lead Product Stylist, Zulily, Inc.
Green Building Analyst, UC Davis Energy Conservation Office
Marketing Coordinator, Telewise Media
Marketing Manager, Skyline Construction
Principal, Design Director, Stripe SF
Principal Visual Designer, Intuit
User Experience/Visual Conceptual Designer, Playground Global Studio
Senior Art Director, Film and Video, Apple
Senior Creative Director, Gap Global Online
Senior Design Manager, Global Brand Design, PepsiCo
Senior Product Designer, Metromile
Social Media Managing Editor, AHBE Landscape Architects
Visual Designer, Developer Marketing and Trailhead, Salesforce
Web Designer, Sub Sea Systems
Web and Print Designer, Simon and Schuster
Website Product Manager – fine jewelry, Catbirdnyc.com