Fellowships are one way that artists and designers can gain professional experience, and the College’s Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development helps connect students and alumni to these opportunities. Last year, the Career Center helped Chelsea Rebelo Castro ’16 (GD) land a Meyerhoff Internship Fellowship, which provides funds so that MICA students can gain practical experience through internships.

Castro used the fellowship to help finance her stay in New York City, where she interned with the fashion and lifestyle brand Ivanka Trump. The internship allowed Castro to experience working in a small, collaborative environment, where she further strengthened her design skills working on a pattern for the brand’s Summer 2016 collection. To learn more about the Career Center, turn the page.
**Professional Development Programs & Services for Artists & Designers**

**Information Resources**

**www.MICAnetwork.com** offers the most up-to-date listings of internships and job opportunities for artists. Students and alumni can post a résumé and cover letter, as well as links to their own websites or online portfolios. The site has an employer directory with approximately 7,500 employers.

**MICAnetwork’s national listings of art-specific jobs** feature employers who include ad agencies, television networks, production houses, publishing companies, design firms, cultural institutions, arts organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, health organizations, business corporations, and summer camps.

**MICA sourcebook on grants and competitions** was developed specifically for MICA students and alumni and offers detailed, current information and lists of online resources to help artists search out opportunities. Apply for those that best fit your career goals, and prepare for and make the most of these important professional development opportunities. The Sourcebook is a guide with more than 100 grants, residencies, and fellowships. Career Development also has an extensive online and physical resource library dedicated exclusively to the professional development of artists.

**The Atlantic** recently reported that jobs in arts and media grew at 13.8% over the last decade. By 2018, employment in arts, design, and media is expected to rise 12% according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Networking**

**Internship + Career Fair** is an annual informational and networking event. Companies from across the region attend to review portfolios and interview students—companies are on campus for this event and are ready to hire!

**MICAnetwork’s LinkedIn and Facebook pages** connect current students and recent graduates with established alumni and friends of the College around the world who can offer professional, job-hunting, and life advice. **Alumni Networking Events** are hosted in major art centers around the United States.

**MICA has relationships with employers nationwide, with listings of more than 1,000 internship opportunities** that allow students to earn credit while working in art-related jobs. Benefits include gaining valuable skills, making important contacts, and exploring career options.

**portfolios.mica.edu** is a MICA-exclusive portfolio network created to give broad exposure to student art and design work, powered by Behance.

**Grants & Awards**

**MICA has been named a top producer of Fulbrights nationally** in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for the past eight years. In 2013 and 2012, MICA was #1 nationally among peer institutions. In 2014, four of 11 MICA applicants became finalists. How does MICA do this? Staff from the Joseph Meyerhoff Center assist students and alumni in strategizing their proposal writing for this prestigious program and provide support all along the way.

**Advising & Support**

**Career counseling by our professional staff** helps MICA students identify their career direction through a process of self-assessment, career exploration, decision making, and goal setting. Counselors, who focus on either fine arts or design and media, are available by appointment or on a drop-in basis. Eight peer career advisors—current students who represent a diverse set of majors—also run weekly career advice sessions and individual appointments.

**Graduate school counseling and assistance** are provided, including help with researching options and with the application process.

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**Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development**, located in The Gateway, MICA’s award-winning student residence, is where you go to research career options, prepare for the grad school application process, interview with potential employers/internship providers, and meet with counselors to prepare résumés and craft applications for competitive scholarships, grants, residencies, and fellowships.