Fellowships are one way that artists and designers can gain valuable professional experience, and the College’s Joseph E. Meyerhoff Center for Career Development helps connect students and alumni to those opportunities. Last year, the Career Center worked with the Meyerhoff Foundation to launch the Meyerhoff Internship Fellowship, which provides funds so that MICA students can gain practical experience through internships.

Harry Trinh ’16 (interactive arts) was among the 2014 recipients of the fellowship, and he used his award to help finance his internship at the California-based Landmark Entertainment Group. Trinh credited the fellowship for paying for the everyday life essentials necessary to live in a major metropolitan city, which allowed him to wholeheartedly focus on the skills he was learning at Landmark—skills that align with his current work using robotics, 3D printing, and sculptural installation.
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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 5,500 employers. Maintained by Career Development staff, it is only accessible to MICA students and alumni who are actively using it to find opportunities and jobs and promote their work.

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 Grants & Residencies Sourcebook is a guide with more than 400 grants, residencies, and fellowships. Career Development also has an extensive online and physical resource library dedicated exclusively to the professional development of artists.

Networking
Internship + Career Fair is an annual, all-day informational and networking event. Companies from across the region attend to review portfolios and interview students—more than 50 companies on campus for this event are ready to hire!

MICA’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. Young 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.

Our Walk the Talk Speaker Series lets you meet and talk with professionals, many of whom are MICA alumni working in a variety of art-related fields.

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 listed as a top producer of Fulbrights nationally in The Chronicle of Higher Education’s annual feature on U.S. campuses whose students receive a large number of U.S. Fulbright Student Grants—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.

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.