



Office of Partnerships
Career Development Services
partnerships@collegeforcreativestudies.edu

MFA SERVICES

The Office of Partnerships Career Development Team is dedicated to exposing students and alumni to professional development opportunities and resources that will help them in identifying and obtaining their personal career goals. Career Development coordinates career events and personalized on-campus recruiting throughout the year as well as providing the following services:

Online Services: For event information and online resources check out Career Development on Handshake at <https://collegeforcreativestudies.joinhandshake.com/>. Many PDF documents such as Resume and Cover Letter Guides and Steps to Pursue an Internship can be found here. We encourage you to read these documents before scheduling an appointment with our office.

Handshake: Employers connect with creative talent at CCS through Handshake. Students and alumni have the opportunity to post their resumes and portfolios for employers to view as well as search for employment and internships. Current students may sign up on Handshake at <https://collegeforcreativestudies.joinhandshake.com/>

Internships: The Internship Program allows qualified students to earn academic credit while gaining first-hand experience in their chosen fields. Eligible BFA students must have at least a 2.8 GPA and be a junior or senior. Eligible MFA students must have a 3.0 and completed one year of classes. Students applying for an internship must have their portfolios reviewed and approved by their department chair.

Industry Professionals Visit CCS: Career Development hosts many career events throughout the year, including: On Campus Recruiting, Panels and Roundtable Discussions, Professional Portfolio Reviews and Company Information Sessions.

Workshops: This self-promotion series covers resume and cover letter preparation, interview skills, business etiquette, portfolio development and everything in between!

Interview Stream: Real questions, real practice. Practice makes perfect. This program allows students to participate in an online simulated interview. The interview, captured via web cam, can then be reviewed by the student to determine areas of strength and areas of improvement. Career Development has a private space dedicated to this system, but you can also access Perfect Interview from the privacy of your home, with or without a web cam.

Additional Resources: Career Development maintains a resource center devoted to professional publications covering topics such as contracts, residencies, salary surveys and more. In addition to the resource center in our office, online resources include: job search sites and creative staffing agencies, competitions, professional organizations, self-promotion, legal and business resources, relocation tools, grants, freelance jobs and more.

Individual Career Counseling: Start Now. Make an appointment with Career Development at aeckert@collegeforcreativestudies.edu or 313.664.7690.