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The CAPX Vision

Students and alums use their unique strengths, education, and experiences to achieve their career goals and thrive.

The CAPX Mission

We prepare students and alums through career education and connect them to diverse professional experiences.

POST-GRAD OUTCOMES

UPON GRADUATION, 93 PERCENT OF THE CLASS OF 2020 IS EMPLOYED OR PURSUING POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION.*

*This percentage is based upon survey respondents.

EMPLOYERS

Art Institute of Chicago, Brooklyn Museum, Coach, CodelT, Compound Yellow, DDB Worldwide, Design for America, Elmhurst Art Museum, Experimental Sound Studio, Heritage Auctions, Hyde Park Art Center, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Musee Magazine, Netflix, New York Department of Education, Project Onward, Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill LLP, St. Louis Public Radio, Surge Innovations LLC, Walt Disney Company, Whole Foods Magazine, WNDR Museum, and many more.

TOP INDUSTRIES

Administration, Advertising, Architecture, Art & Design, Brand Management, Community/Social Service, Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Research, Writing/Editing.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon, Columbia University, Illinois Institute of Technology, New York University, Northwestern University, Parsons School of Design, Royal College of Art, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, University of Hong Kong, University of Michigan, University of Southern California.

JOBS

Animator, Architect, Art Instructor, Artist, Assistant Art Buyer, Cinematographer, Collections Management Assistant, Community Manager, Costume Designer, Creative Director, Curator, Designer, Editor, Exhibition Manager, Furniture Maker, Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Junior Designer, Operations Specialist, Overseas Advertising Producer, Photographer, Product Designer, Social Media Associate, UX Designer, and many more.

“My education at SAIC prepared me for the art world with theoretical knowledge and CAPX provided me with all of the necessary resources to help me find my dream job.”

TANYA MALHOTRA (BFA 2022)

STUDENTS

We Are Preparers and Connectors

CAPX is your home for career education. We offer a wide range of programming to assist you in developing the skills, experience, knowledge, and confidence you need to navigate your creative future.

We can help you:

- Connect with job and internship opportunities posted specifically for SAIC students and alums through Handshake.
- Prepare and refine résumés, proposals, cover letters, artist's statements, and portfolios.
- Discover your personal strengths through assessments.
- Pursue exhibition, residency, fellowship, and funding opportunities.
- Learn about contemporary practices in emerging creative industries, freelancing, and self-employment.
- Network with SAIC alums and professionals.

PREPARE

ADVISING

Our career, faculty, and student peer advisors provide personalized coaching sessions to help develop rewarding career paths. **CAPX works with all degree-seeking undergraduate students, graduate students, and alums at all professional levels** and tailors our coaching to serve their individual needs, identifying their strengths and values.

Undergraduate Students

CAPX provides career advising, programming, resources, and professional opportunities for undergraduate students from their first year through graduation and beyond.

Graduate Students

We offer career advising and facilitate workshops for graduate students on preparing to apply for college teaching positions, writing grant proposals, and more.

Transfer Students

CAPX helps transfer students gain experience and prepares them for their creative lives after graduation. Our advisors provide guidance based on each student's unique experiences and future goals.

International Students

CAPX provides career education and, in partnership with International Affairs, helps students navigate government regulations.

CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

CAPX collaborates with departments across SAIC, faculty, employers, and alums to offer a range of programs including practical workshops, panels, and classroom presentations focused on developing professional skills and strategies to prepare students for life after graduation. In addition to CAPX career related programs, students and alums have 24/7 access to the virtual resources listed below.

Big Interview

Get comfortable having a conversation about your practice with professionals. A no-stress virtual mock interview platform for all experience levels.

Strengths Assessment

The CliftonStrengths® assessment discovers dominant talents that can be incorporated to internship and job search strategies and career ventures.

GoinGlobal

GoinGlobal is a one-stop resource to help fast track job and internship searches and cultural insights locally, nationally, and internationally.

Creative Study

Creative study is a resource for artists and designers that provides live webinars, videos, practice exercises, and podcasts designed to navigate business practices that are crucial to successful creative careers.



SAIC alums and industry experts participate in CAPX career education programs. Left: SHENEQUA, MDes, 2017, Artpreneur at Weave Your Dreams into Realty LLC. Right: James Connolly, BFA 2010, Collection Manager at Roger Brown Study Collection.

CONNECT

CAPX connects SAIC students and alums with organizations, studios, and companies in Chicago, throughout the U.S., and around the world. CAPX works closely with organizations to provide a wide variety of opportunities for students and alums.

Handshake

Handshake is an innovative college-to-career platform that's home to all CAPX-approved internships; full-time, part-time, and freelance jobs; volunteer or contract positions; and campus jobs. Students and alums can also use Handshake to schedule advising appointments and register for events.

Expert Exchange

Expert Exchange offers students and alums the opportunity to consult with creative professionals and business leaders about careers in art and design. Expert Exchange is virtual, allowing experts from around the world to meet with SAIC students and alums.

Jobs and Internships

CAPX works closely with employers at the forefront of creative industries to provide career and internship opportunities for students and alums. Over the years, we've partnered with more than 2,000 local, national, and international employers and internship providers.

SAIC Internship and Job Expo

CAPX hosts a virtual Internship & Job EXPO in the fall and spring semesters with over 90 organizations in attendance at each event. All students and alums are invited to connect with leading companies and organizations from across the country to explore internship and job opportunities.

Employers who have attending include: Crate and Barrel, Dallas Museum of Art, Framestore, Gensler, Kohler, M2057 by Maria Pinto, Mana Contemporary, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Ogilvy, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, Warner Music, Webtoon Entertainment, Wix, and many more.

"The students were incredibly talented and overall well-prepared to talk with us about their job goals."

**EMPLOYER WHO ATTENDED SAIC
INTERNSHIP AND JOB EXPO**

INTERNSHIPS

Our internship providers give students opportunities in Chicago, from coast-to-coast, and around the world. CAPX internship providers include artists' studios, design firms, publishing houses, museums, galleries, architecture firms, tech startups, gaming and software developers, social service and community organizations, fashion houses, and more. Recent internship sites include Art Institute of Chicago, DuSable Museum of African-American History, Experimental Sound Studio, Field Museum, Gensler, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Leo Burnett, Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, Museum of Contemporary Art, NBC Universal, and Pivot Design.

"I love working at World Business Chicago! I did a lot of graphic design work and got a chance to be part of some significant events. The internship also allowed me to expand my network."

GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN AT WORLD BUSINESS CHICAGO

INTERNSHIP COURSE CREDIT

Students can earn credit for their internships by enrolling in one of the following courses:

Professional Practice: Internship as Professional Experience 3900

Open to juniors and seniors

Offered during fall and spring semesters

Credits, 3.0

Fulfills professional practice, studio, off-campus requirements

CAPX Internship 4001

Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors

Offered during fall, winter, spring, and summer semesters

Credits, 3.0 or 1.5
Winter 1.5 credits only

Fulfills studio and off-campus requirements

CAPX Internship 5001

Open to graduate students

Offered during fall, winter, spring, and summer semesters

Credits, 3.0 or 1.5
Winter 1.5 credits only

SAIC INTERNSHIP STIPEND FUND

The SAIC internship stipend fund supports students with demonstrated financial need pursuing valuable internships which are unpaid, underpaid, or high cost. With the generous support of donors, \$2,500 stipends are awarded to eligible students during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students apply for the award by submitting their resume and an essay that describes how their internship aligns with SAIC's core values and will help prepare them for their life after art school.



Britton Farrell, Development Intern at Hyde Park Art Center and internship stipend recipient.

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