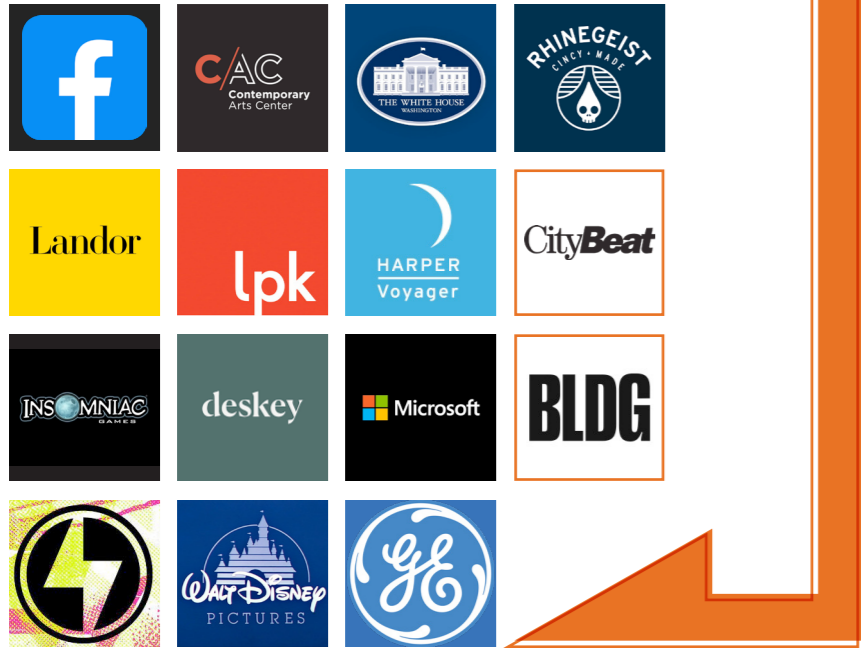


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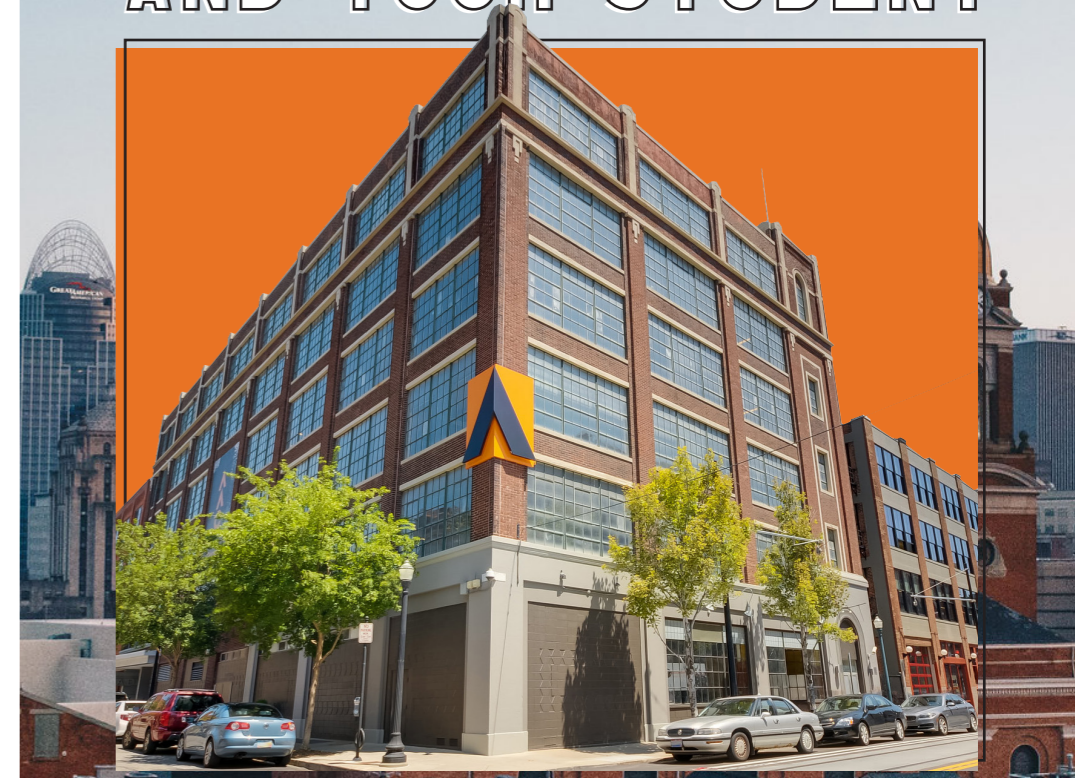


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PARENT GUIDE



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The **ART ACADEMY'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (PDO)** provides students with one-on-one career counseling and personalized assistance with internship, job, and graduate school searches so that they can become a thriving artist. Students have access to assistance in creating a resume and cover letter, developing their portfolio, and participating in mock interviews.

The **AAC ARTBEAT**, the PDO's Newsletter, keeps students informed of valuable networking and professional opportunities. The newsletter also includes monthly Artist Tips, information about careers and graduate school, and lists current internship and job openings in the community.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN CURRICULUM

During a student's sophomore year, they will take the **Going Big: Professionalism Workshop**. This course starts students on a path to a professional career in the arts and provides them with all the tools they will need to be successful while creating a space for self-reflection and continued growth.

Many courses, such as Academy Design Service, incorporate client-based work with real client contact, deadlines, and live client presentations. Students also receive regular feedback, advice, and guidance from visiting professionals in their area of study.

INTERNSHIPS

All students can apply to enroll in up to two internships for credit during their time at AAC. Internships allow students to form valuable connections with the artistic community that will serve them well beyond graduation. Through internships in a variety of fields, our students have connected to top area firms, galleries, arts organizations, and Fortune 500 companies

ARTS BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

While attending the Art Academy, students can work toward an **ARTS BUSINESS CERTIFICATION**. This supports students' professional practice initiatives and provides them with increased confidence in their preparedness for career opportunities. The Arts Business Certification demonstrates students' willingness to take advantage of AAC resources and their preparation for a self-driven creative life. Upon completing this certification, students will graduate with Arts Business Distinction and will be able to list the Arts Business Certificate on their resume, formalizing their experiences in the program and lending added credibility.

STUDY ABROAD

The Art Academy of Cincinnati partners with both **ARTBOUND INITIATIVE (ABI)** and the **KENTUCKY INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (KIIS)** to give our students the opportunity to explore and learn from the world at large. The PDO offers info sessions for both programs each semester.

Through KIIS, students can study abroad in a variety of cities around the world, not only during the Fall and Spring semesters, but over winter or summer break as well. They will be taking courses for credit with English-speaking faculty, and the program includes free days for students to explore and immerse themselves in their new environment.

Through ABI, students can get summer internships in **New York City, Los Angeles, Berlin, Sydney, and Melbourne**. ABI staff prepares students to go through the internship selection process and links students with highly recognizable organizations for a chance to gain invaluable experience.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE CAMPUS AND NEIGHBORHOOD LIKE?

We think of our neighborhood **Over-the-Rhine (OTR)** as an extension of the Art Academy campus. The expanding number of design firms, galleries, and arts organizations in OTR serve to expand the education of our students through internships, special projects, networking, professional affiliations, and mentoring.

WHAT ARE THE HOUSING OPTIONS?

Art Academy Housing is furnished urban loft living. Our housing option is located just across the street from our building in an area lined with cafés, unique shops, and the best restaurants in Cincinnati. First-year students who reside outside the greater Cincinnati area (more than 30 minutes away from school) are encouraged but not required to reside in Art Academy Housing. First-year students who live within Greater Cincinnati may choose to live in AAC Housing or commute from home.

DOES THE ART ACADEMY PROVIDE SECURITY?

Safety is one of our top priorities for our students. The building is secured 24/7 and can only be accessed through keycards provided to staff, faculty, and students. In addition, students can request an escort from our security team to their dorm or vehicle.

WHAT SUPPORT SERVICES DOES THE AAC PROVIDE?

The Art Academy has a part-time mental health counselor with whom students can book appointments. We also have a list of community resources for students to look through to find the right counselor for them! In addition to professors' scheduled office hours, we also have an academic tutor in the **Collaborative Learning Studio** to help students outside the classroom.