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## Professional Associations & Organizations for Artists, Designers

Professional organizations are groups that support the interests of professionals within a specific field and serve the public good, offering networking, job boards, professional development, and resources.

We recommend that students join these organizations to stay updated with current trends within their discipline, connect with other industry professionals, further their visibility, and get job alerts. Some associations offer free or reduced-price memberships for students:

- **Fine Arts, Art Education, Art History:**
  - [College Art Association](#)
  - [National Art Education Association](#)
  - [International Association of Art Critics](#)
  - [Visual Arts Association](#)
  - [American Artists Professional League](#)
  - [Online Learning Consortium](#)
- **Museums:**
  - [Association of Art Museum Curators](#)
  - [The International Council of Museums](#)
  - [American Institute for Conservation](#)
  - [American Alliance of Museums](#)
  - [International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works](#)
  - [Association of Art Museum Directors](#)
- **Dance, Music, Theatre:**
  - [Dance Studies Association](#)
  - [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
  - [Association of Performing Arts Professionals](#)
  - [American Choral Directors Association](#)
  - [The Percussive Arts Society](#)
  - [American Federation of Musicians](#)
  - [American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers](#)
  - [American String Teachers Association](#)
  - [National Association of Teachers of Singing](#)
  - [Recording Industry Association of America](#)
  - [Chamber Music America](#)
  - [Stage Managers' Association](#)
  - [American Theatre Critics Association](#)
  - [Talent Managers Association](#)
  - [Casting Society](#)
- **Interior, Architecture, Industrial Design:**
  - [The American Society of Interior Designers](#)
  - [International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers](#)
  - [The U.S. Green Building Council](#)
  - [American Institute of Architecture Students](#)
  - [American Society of Landscape Architects](#)
  - [National Architectural Accrediting Board](#)

## APPOINTMENT HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
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- [American Institute of Architects](#)
- [National Council of Architectural Registration Boards](#)
- [Society of American Registered Architects](#)
- [American Institute of Building Design](#)
- [American Planning Association](#)
- [Illuminating Engineering Society](#)
- [Industrial Designers Society of America](#)
- **Illustration, Game Design:**
  - [Society of Illustrators](#)
  - [International Game Developers Association](#)
  - [Association of Medical Illustrators](#)
  - [Indie Game Developer Network](#)
  - [Digital Games Research Association](#)
  - [Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences](#)
- **Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising:**
  - [Accessories Council](#)
  - [Costume Designers Guild \(CDG\)](#)
  - [Council of Fashion Designers of America, Inc. \(CFDA\)](#)
  - [International Textile and Apparel Association \(ITAA\)](#)
- **Film:**
  - [Visual Resources Association](#)
  - [Women in Film & Television International](#)
  - [American Association of Cinematographers](#)
  - [Association of Film Commissioners International](#)
  - [American Cinema Editors](#)
  - [The Film Foundation](#)
  - [Independent Film and Television Alliance](#)
  - [International Documentary Association](#)
  - [Organization of Black Screenwriters](#)
- **Graphic Design:**
  - [American Institute of Graphic Arts/ AIGA Richmond Chapter](#)
  - [Creative Mornings/ Creative Mornings Richmond Chapter](#)
  - [International Council of Design](#)
  - [Society for Experiential Graphic Design](#)
  - [The Graphic Artists Guild](#)
  - [International Society of Typographic Designers](#)
  - [Association Typographique Internationale](#)
  - [Association of Registered Graphic Designers](#)
  - [World Design Organization](#)
  - [American Advertising Federation](#)
- **UI UX:**
  - [Special Interest Group on Computer–Human Interaction](#)
  - [Interaction Design Foundation](#)
  - [User Experience Professionals Association](#)
- **Richmond-specific:**
  - [Studio Two Three](#)

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- [Art 180](#)
- [Mending Walls](#)
- [Richmond Culture Works](#)
- [American Institute of Graphic Arts/ AIGA Richmond Chapter](#)
- [Creative Mornings/ Creative Mornings Richmond Chapter](#)

### Appointments

If you are interested in making an appointment with one of our Career Advisors to review your resume or discuss any other career-related topics/questions, [see which advisor advises your industry of interest](#).

We recommend that first appointments with our office are with a career advisor. In addition, we offer several different appointment mediums to better meet your needs. Choose the medium that best fits your needs.

You can [schedule an appointment](#) by logging into Handshake and selecting the time that works best for you.

### Events and Career Fairs

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### Questions

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