

Minneapolis College of Art and Design

MFA Alumni Benefits



Support for students in the Master of Fine Arts in Visual Studies at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) doesn't end at graduation. The MCAD MFA community is committed to helping alumni continue to grow their knowledge and network through the following unique perks. Find more information at: mcad-mfa.com and facebook.com/groups/mcadmfadiscussions.

Professional Development Talks/Workshops

The program offers two to three talks/workshops per semester for Twin Cities regional alumni. These events feature alumni speakers when possible.

New York City/Los Angeles Professional Development Trips

Each fall, the MFA program takes a trip to either NYC or LA, with emphasis on visiting alumni studios/offices. All MFA alumni are invited to join these trips. Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodations. All studio visits are free.

Local Studio Building and Agency Tours

Current students can take an MCAD van to visit Twin Cities studio buildings and agencies as well as other alumni spaces. All MFA alumni are invited to join these trips.

Alumni Space Trade

Alumni are able to use project space at MCAD MFA for up to a week (availability permitting, current students' needs are prioritized). In exchange, alumni lead a professional development talk/workshop.

Fall Alumni Gathering

Twin Cities regional alumni are invited to gather and network with current students at this annual fall event held at the MFA Studios and Gallery now held as a happy hour in conjunction with Fall Show.

Internship Program

The MFA program is piloting an internship program. Alumni can propose an internship (following the guidelines from Career Development Office) for an undergraduate MCAD student to assist them in their studio.

Alumni Directory

No matter where they go in the world, alumni can use MCAD's directory to connect with classmates, network with other alumni, and be a resource for current students. Find the alumni map and more information: mcad.edu/alumni-directory.

Special Events

Whether it's a happy hour, peer critique night, exhibition reception, or a studio open house, MCAD is available to help plan a variety of events to connect alumni in their local communities. Alumni are encouraged to provide ideas and help organize events throughout the year.

Launch Programming

For the first 1-2 years after graduation, MFA alumni are invited to continue applying for our Launch Programs, which are opportunities designed to ease the transition to postgraduate life.

All MCAD Alumni Benefits

In addition to the exclusive benefits listed above, MFA students join a supportive global community of MCAD alumni upon graduation. MCAD is committed to providing resources that are available to alumni throughout their entire lives. Find a complete list of benefits: mcad.edu/alumni-benefits.

Continuing Education

MCAD alumni are invited to take MCAD Continuing Education courses for 75% off.

Send ideas and inquiries to alumni@mcad.edu and get more information at: facebook.com/groups/mcadmfadiscussions