The Cleveland Institute of Art attracts students who are serious about becoming professional artists and designers and who seek a college that is both intellectually stimulating and artistically challenging.

We offer an exceptional college experience and our graduates are competitive gallery artists; product, transportation, graphic, and video game designers; photographers; contemporary crafts-makers; illustrators; animators; and educators.

Majors
Animation
Biomedical Art
Ceramics
Drawing
Game Design
Glass
Graphic Design
Illustration
Industrial Design
Interior Architecture
Jewelry+Metals
Painting
Photography + Video
Printmaking
Sculpture + Expanded Media

2015–2016 Statistics
Degree Offered
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

Enrollment
Est. Full-Time Students: 533
Percent Undergraduate Men: 45%
Percent Undergraduate Women: 55%
Percent Undergraduate Minorities: 23%
Average Class Size: 12
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9:1

Freshman Geographic Distribution
In-State: 57%
Rest of U.S.: 29%
International: 14%

Accreditation
Regional: North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission
Specialized: NASAD

Test Scores
(Middle 50% Range)
Average ACT Composite: 19–26
Average SAT Critical Reading: 470–620
Average SAT Math: 440–560

Average GPA: 3.10

English Proficiency Requirements
TOEFL: 550 PBT (Paper Test); 213 CBT (Computer Test); or 80 IBT (Internet Test)
IELTS (International English Language Testing System) band score of 6.0 or higher
Completion of Level 112 ESL coursework

Faculty
Almost 50 full-time and 40 part-time (90% of our ranked faculty members hold a PhD or terminal degree in their field)

2015–2016 Financial Data
Direct Costs
Tuition/Fees: $38,487
Room + Board: $11,454
TOTAL: $49,941

Financial Aid
- 50% of incoming freshmen enrolling for 2014–15 received a CIA merit scholarship of $15,000 or more.
- 94% of incoming freshmen enrolled for 2014–15 received financial assistance.
- The average financial aid package for CIA’s 2014 incoming class was $34,866.

- Nearly 94% of the 2013 CIA graduating class are employed, exhibiting, or have started their own businesses.
- The U.S. Department of Education publishes a loan repayment default rate for all colleges each year. CIA’s 2011 three-year Federal Direct Loan default rate is 5.4%, far below the national average of 13.7%. This is an indication that CIA graduates are well employed and able to pay back their loans.
Art + Design Leadership
Princeton Review
Princeton Review chose CIA for the “Best in the Midwest” section of its 2015 Best Colleges: Region by Region.

U.S. News & World Report
CIA is listed among 45 American art colleges in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges.

Money Magazine
Cleveland Institute of Art has been ranked fifth among North America’s elite colleges of art and design by Money magazine in its “Best Colleges for Your Money” ranking.

Biomedical Art
- One of the few undergraduate programs of its kind in the country.
- Students have won honors each of the last five years at the national Association of Medical Illustrators conference, competing against undergraduate and graduate students from top universities.

Glass
- A senior won a 2015 Niche Student Award. Her sculptural piece was chosen from nearly 600 North American entries.

Graphic Design
- A student’s design was chosen as the official seal for Cuyahoga County, the county that includes Cleveland.

Illustration
- CIA won an award after eight Illustration students created artworks that now decorate 22 utility boxes along Cleveland’s Euclid Avenue.

Industrial Design
- A 2015 grad was one of five college students in the U.S. to be recognized by the prestigious Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) with a Student Merit Award.
- Students have won prizes in each of the last five years in the Saint Gobain Student Design Competition.

Interior Architecture
- Three recent grads were among the top 12 retail designers recognized nationally by VMSD magazine in 2014.

Noteworthy News
Faculty Achievement
Three CIA faculty members have been recognized with Individual Excellence Awards from the Ohio Arts Council (OAC): Sarah Kabot, assistant professor and chair of the Drawing Department; Amy Sinbondit, technical specialist and adjunct faculty member in the Ceramics Department; and Sai Sinbondit, adjunct faculty member in the Foundation Department.

Student Internships
More than 80% of the members of the 2014 class participated in one or more internships before they graduated. Noteworthy assignments included Ford Motor Company, American Greetings, Live Nation, Kichler Lighting, Electrolux, Museum of Contemporary Art, California Academy of Science, The Limited, Interbrand, and NASA.

Digital Canvas Initiative
All CIA freshmen are given an iPad to support their Foundation year studies and the program’s redesigned curriculum that features project-based class work. Students keep the iPad upon graduation.

University Circle
Located just five miles from the heart of downtown Cleveland, the Cleveland Institute of Art is in the center of the city’s cultural district. CIA is surrounded by University Circle, a park-like setting that houses the region’s most prestigious cultural, academic, technology, and healthcare organizations. Within two square miles are the world-renowned Cleveland Museum of Art, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Cleveland Orchestra and dozens of museums, galleries, and ethnic neighborhoods.

2015–16 On-Campus Events
Join us for one of our many on-campus events throughout the school year:

- Sun Oct 4
  National Portfolio Day Cleveland
- Fri Oct 16
  Campus Connection
- Sat Nov 7
  Fall Open House
- Mon Feb 15
  Campus Connection
- Sat Mar 19
  Spring Open House

Residence Hall
First-year students live in our Uptown Residence Hall, in the heart of our campus neighborhood. Designed in consultation with CIA students, Uptown features suites with kitchenettes and two bedrooms connected by a shared work area. The work area—outfitted with drafting tables—underscores our philosophy of encouraging collaboration. Beyond your suite, you’ll enjoy an onsite print center; free laundry facilities; workout machines overlooking MOCA Cleveland; lounges; decks; street-level retail including a commercial bowling alley; and fabulous views of MOCA, the downtown skyline, and Lake Erie.