

Cleveland Institute of Art
Creativity Matters

Why CIA

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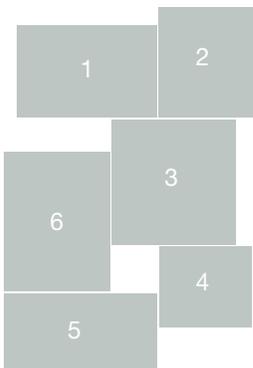
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What sets the Cleveland Institute of Art apart from other colleges of art and design?

Graduates leave CIA enriched by our world-class faculty of artist-educators and empowered by real-world experience.

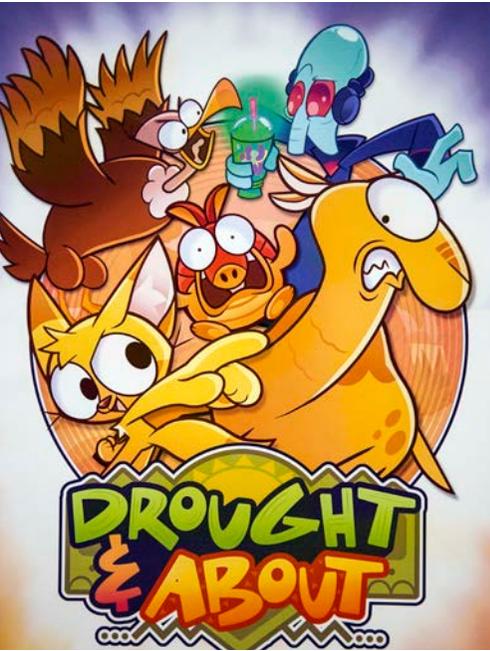
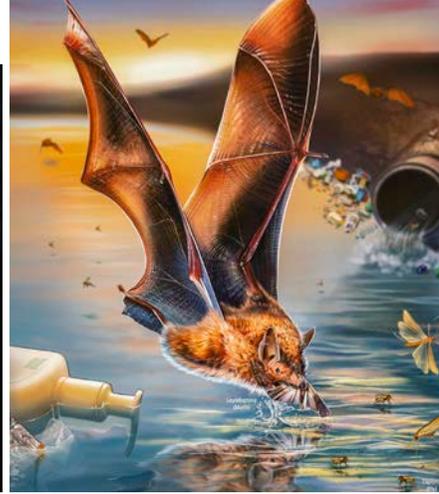
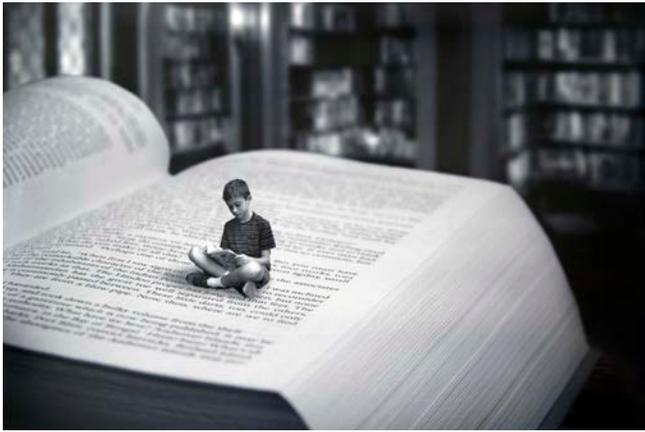
Spend four years with our renowned faculty in state-of-the-art facilities, learning how to think, live, and work as a professional artist or designer. Your learning environments will include classrooms, shared maker spaces, your own studio, and world-class cultural institutions within walking distance in University Circle.

And thanks to CIA's commitment to ensuring career readiness, you will graduate with real-world experience. All of our students earn credit through internships or courses that connect them with partners, clients or projects outside the College. You'll begin your creative career equipped with the kind of professional knowledge that comes only through doing.



Student Work

- 1 Anna Lattanzia (Photography + Video)
- 2 Camille Kowalski (Life Sciences Illustration)
- 3 Jacob Garretson (Glass)
- 4 Julia Maddalina (Drawing/Printmaking)
- 5 Michael Zhang (Transportation Design)
- 6 Alex Marek (Animation)



Real-world projects with real-world partners

Real-world projects teach you professional skills.

Through courses, extracurricular projects, and internships, over 600 galleries, companies and nonprofit organizations work with CIA students on films and animations, product ideas, exhibitions, and creative collaborations.

Getting outside the classroom is critical to learning how to apply the creative skills you learn in the classroom.

Strengthen your creativity. Connect to the world. At CIA, you'll learn to nurture your creativity and think critically about the work you're making. You'll learn to communicate your ideas so that you can collaborate with others to create work that makes a difference in the world.





100%
students get
real-world
experience



80%
of 2018 graduates are, after 12 months,
working in their field, exhibiting, and/or
in graduate school

600+
community
partners for
real-world
experience



82%
of 2018 grads
participated in
internships

Our faculty: Professors and professionals

CIA faculty teach from experience and success.

As artists and designers, their work is recognized nationally and internationally. With a 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio, you'll learn from faculty who know how to succeed as artists and who instill their best practices into your personal path for success.

Living and creating with you. In their own practices, CIA's faculty are engaged in regional, national, and international arenas, with projects ranging from creating animations for Pixar and Disney, to designing and installing a giant inflatable sculpture for a national art exhibition.





Over 100 artists and designers visit each year, bringing new perspectives—and connections—to campus.



Space to create in your own studio

The facilities and resources you'll need to create what you envision. There are no large lecture halls at CIA—only small classrooms and individual studio spaces that allow faculty to mentor students and demonstrate techniques.

From our fabrication studios and digital output center to our computer labs—and a culture of interdisciplinary experimentation—you'll find the tools you'll need to ideate, build, and create.

And collaborations with University Circle neighbors like Case Western Reserve University provide you access to their resources, like think[box], the largest university-based maker space in the country.





“You have all the access you need,
to make anything you want.”
—Mike, Class of 2018



In the heart of a cultural hub

Within a city experiencing a cultural renaissance.

CIA is located within University Circle, the most culturally dense square mile in the country. We're neighbors with the world-renowned Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Orchestra, and Case Western Reserve University.

You'll spend your first two years in our contemporary, apartment-style residence halls, just steps from school, dining, and culture. Cleveland's Museum of Contemporary Art is literally across the street from our freshman residence hall!

Cleveland's restaurant, music and art scenes are receiving national attention, and many have attributed northeast Ohio's resurgence to its creative community.





Robert Muller 2017

“...millennial boomerangs are returning and transplants arriving, bringing with them big ideas.”
—Los Angeles Times



“One of the 10 prettiest neighborhoods in the country.”
—Forbes

Cleveland Institute of Art

655
students

Best
in the Midwest,
six years running
—Princeton
Review

BFA
degree

Best
colleges for your
money, 2017–18
—Money
Magazine

99%
2018-19 first-year
students received
financial aid

10:1
student to
faculty ratio

Animation
Ceramics
Drawing
Game Design
Glass
Graphic Design
Illustration
Industrial Design
Interior Architecture
Jewelry + Metals
Life Sciences Illustration
Painting
Photography
Printmaking
Sculpture + Expanded Media
Transportation Design*
Video + Digital Cinema*

Direct Costs

\$43,305	2019–20 Tuition + Fees
\$11,330	Room+Board
\$54,635	Total

\$40,709

average financial aid package for
CIA's 2018 incoming class

FAFSA
CIA's school
code is 003928

55% of 2018–19 first-year students
received a CIA merit scholarship of

\$15,000 or more

*Tracks within Industrial Design and
Photography Departments

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Accreditation + Membership

The Cleveland Institute of Art is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and the State of Ohio, and is a member of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD).