Name of Policy: New York Studio Residency

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Policy:

The New York Studio Residency Program, a project of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design, is a 16-credit program for undergraduate art and design students. The program combines learning with location as an important ingredient and is built on diversity, self-motivation and discourse so that students can experience a semester of living/studying in New York. It is a hybrid of structure and flexibility, which results in a meaningful experience and bonding within a diverse community of young artists. The contact with peers and other artists who are active professionally creates a community that is location-based as well as informational.

The program is a transitional space for a community of peers that provides both support and the taste of independent living as artists in the world beyond academia. Numerous art events taking place in the city are posted so that students new to New York can take advantage of them. The '24/7' environment of New York becomes an extension of the studio.

Students are partners in this experience: They decide on the work they make, share daily use and care of the work space, learn about each other and learn how to live as an artist in New York.

The semester ends with a one-night exhibition of student work and closing celebration with music and refreshments, open to the public consisting of family, friends made during the semester, artists, critics, collectors and alumni of the program. The students decide on a show title and design the exhibition and announcement card, as well as install the work in the show, facilitated by the director and the studio manager. The work in the exhibition has a freshness and authenticity that reflects this formula of challenge and support. Although the medium, style and content of the work is individual, the show as a whole is an important indicator of how young artists are experiencing the world as expressed in their artwork.

Information regarding internship opportunities is available upon request, and all participants are eligible for consideration. For more information, please visit the program's official website.

To be eligible for the program, students must:
• Be a full-time KCAI student the semester prior to and the semester of their residency
• Be a second-semester junior the semester of the proposed residency
• Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
• Be a student in good standing

One student from the applicant pool will be selected by the Mobility Committee of the Faculty Assembly as KCAI’s participant in the NYSRP. The selected student may choose to participate in the NYSRP’s 16-credit Independent Studio Option or 16-credit Internship Option. Information regarding internship opportunities is available upon request from AICAD, and all participants are eligible for consideration. For more information, please visit the NYSRP’s official website at nysrp.aicad.org.

Application Deadline:

• October 1

Procedure:

More information on the NYSRP and applications for participation can be found on the KCAI website at www.kcai.edu/academics/enrichment-exchange/new-york-studio-residency-program