FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

Assistantships

The School of Art and Design offers graduate assistantship opportunities beginning the first semester of attendance. Studio art teaching assistantships may be awarded once students have completed 18 hours of studio art course work and taken ART 6900: Art and Design Pedagogy. All MFA candidates are given the opportunity to teach undergraduate courses, and many can teach several different courses during their studies at SoAD.

Assistantships pay $12,000 per academic year (Fall/Spring) for a full-time assistantship of 20 hours per week and require twenty hours per week of work, which may be assigned in a variety of ways. Often a block of time may be devoted to monitoring undergraduate studios, working on special projects, teaching, assisting faculty with teaching, or a combination of the above. Each MFA candidate receives a contract, at least one semester in advance that details their assistantship obligations.

Scholarships

School of Art and Design scholarships for full-time students majoring in Art are awarded based on ability as reflected in the creative portfolio, academic excellence, and with some scholarships, need. Scholarships are contingent upon funding guidelines and the availability of funds.

The application for the School of Art and Design scholarships must be submitted online through ECUAward [https://ecu.academicworks.com]. This site can be accessed by signing on with your ECU credentials. On the Opportunities page, use “Art” and “Design” as keywords for search/filter, and SoAD scholarships will populate the list (except for non-SoAD opportunities that contain the same keywords in their description).

Once you complete the general scholarship application, your application will automatically be Auto-Matched to opportunities where you meet the requirements.

The SoAD scholarships are Apply-To opportunities where you will submit additional materials such as portfolio, image list, and written statement about your work.

The submission due date is January 15 for all scholarship awards.