

MEDIA, ARTS, AND DESIGN | INDUSTRY ROADMAP

Career Paths and Desired Skills

Media, Arts, and Design are exciting and fast-changing disciplines that include publishing, visual arts, non-fiction and fiction, music and theatre performance and production, filmmaking, sketch and stand-up comedy, screenwriting, creative advertising, architectural design, and so much more.

The skills for success vary between industries, but they all require creativity, storytelling, and collaboration.

Industry and Entry-Level Role

Key Functions

Internships to help you get there

FILM/TV: PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Production Assistants help ensure a set is working smoothly and that actors, directors and others have what they need to bring their creative vision to life.

- On-Set Support
- Logistics Coordination
- Administrative Assistance

- Production Intern, Department of Motion Pictures
- Script Coverage Intern, Red Wagon Entertainment
- Development Intern, Film Independent

Skills: Creativity | Organization | Attention to detail | Leadership

ENTERTAINMENT REPRESENTATION: TALENT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT

Talent Development Assistants support agents and their clients, finding roles, forming commercial partnerships, and developing projects.

- Client Relations
- Administrative Support
- Talent Scouting

- Talent Intern, 4th Wall Management
- Marketing & Brand Partnership Intern, A24

Skills: Problem solving | Leadership skills | Quantitative ability | Interpersonal skills | Critical thinking

JOURNALISM: NEWS REPORTER/RESEARCHER

News Reporters and Researchers bring the world to light by reporting and synthesizing facts and holding elected officials accountable, through the stories they pursue and publish.

- Fact-Check and Verify
- Write and Edit
- Organize and Analyze Data

- Communications Intern, Chicago Public Media
- Reporting Intern, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting

Skills: Analytical skills | Writing and communication skills | Critical thinking | Historical understanding

PUBLISHING: EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Editorial Assistants support editors by gathering rights, handling communications, and developing marketing materials as they bring books and other media to market.

- Manuscript Support
- Content Development
- Administrative Tasks

- Editorial Intern, Hachette Book Group
- Book Marketing Intern, Simon & Schuster

Skills: Organization | Attention to detail | Writing and editing skills | Marketing

MUSEUMS AND CURATION: GALLERY ASSISTANT

Gallery Assistants help conceive, develop and present artwork for commercial sale, and museum exhibition.

- Event Planning
- Educational Outreach
- Exhibition Preparation

- Archives Intern, The DuSable Museum of African American History and Culture
- Immersive Design Intern, SudoMagic
- Curatorial and Exhibition Intern, Greene Naftali Gallery

Skills: Writing Skills | Project Management | Interpersonal Skills | Art History Background

There are many other career paths UChicago students have successfully pursued, including:

- **Animator**
- **Theatre Director**
- **Video Game Designer**
- **Podcast Producer & Host**

BUILDING EXPERIENCE FOR CAREERS IN MAD

Career Advancement offers a number of events and resources to help prepare you for a career in the fast-changing fields of journalism, arts, and media:

EVENTS

Fall Quarter

- September 30: Application Opens for Winter Break Humanities Trek to Prague, Creative Writing, Publishing and Arts Trek to New York
- October 2: UChicago Career & Internship Fair
- October 18: JAMfest
- October 22: Sourcebooks Fall Careers in Book Publishing
- October 23: Master's in Humanities and Social Sciences Joint Info Session
- October 25: Recruiting Information Session with HarperCollins Publishers
- October 31: Peace Corps Info Session and Coffee Chats
- November 7: Language Careers Alumni Panel
- November 12: Recruiting Information Session: Sotheby's
- November 13: Local Trek: Chicago Public Media

Winter Quarter

- January 6: Application Open for Spring Break Humanities Trek to Istanbul, Cinematic Arts, Media, and Entertainment to Los Angeles, and Game Design Trek to Austin, TX
- January 7: Pulitzer Center For Crisis Reporting Info Session
- January 8: Recruiting Information Session: Report for America
- January 18-20: Game Jam Competition
- January 24: Networking Day for Visual Arts, Media Arts, Design and Curation
- February 21: Marketing Pathways Forum
- February 6: Careers in Entertainment Law Info Session
- February 11: Art Institute of Chicago for University Partnerfest
- February 13: Recruiting Information Session for National Public Radio (NPR)
- February 21: Local Trek: Iron Galaxy Game Design

Spring Quarter

- March 28: Local Trek: DuSable Museum of African American History & Culture
- March 31: Careers in the Humanities Week
- May 2: Careers in the Music Business: Jeff McClusky
- May 3: Careers in the Art World: Local Trek to Monique Meloche Gallery

REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYERS

Film/TV

Paramount
A24
21 Laps
Red Wagon Entertainment
FX Networks

Journalism

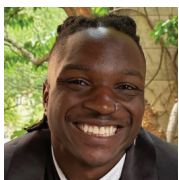
The New York Times
Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting
Chicago Tribune
Washington Post
The Point Magazine
National Public Radio

Publishing

Digital Kitchen
Random House
Hachette Book Group
Simon & Schuster
Sourcebooks

Museum, Galleries

Chicago History Museum
MOMA
Graham Foundation
Greene Naftali
The Baltimore Museum of Art
Art Institute of Chicago
Smart Museum
The Field Museum



Christian Dixon, AB'23

Current Role: William Morris Endeavor
Internship: William Morris Endeavor
Internship: UChicago Film Studies Center



Audrey Fromson, AB'21

Current Role: Vanity Fair
Internship: Radiolab
Internship: David Axelrod Reporting Grantee