



Open Day and Scholarships/Awards 2014-15

V&A/RCA History of Design is a two-year full-time MA programme, based at both the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Royal College of Art, and offers a unique platform for study in three specialist areas: Renaissance and Early Modern; Modern and Contemporary; and Asian, Early Modern to Contemporary. MPhil and PhD are also offered by the programme, as part of the Doctoral Studies Programme in the RCA School of Humanities.

Taught by a team of academics and curators, all specialists in their field, the programme has an established reputation for pioneering new forms of design historical enquiry in global contexts, from the fifteenth century to the present day. The seminar-based classes provide a unique environment for the study of the aesthetic, social, cultural, technological, economic and political contexts for design.

The programme specialises in object-focused scholarship ranging across architecture and interior design, fashion and textiles, furniture and product design, ceramics, metalwork, glass, prints, drawings and digital media. Uniquely, students have direct access to the unrivalled collections and expertise of the V&A and to the highly specialised art and design practices of the RCA. It was the first MA programme in the world to pioneer Renaissance and Early Modern design histories, and to establish an Asian Design History specialism.

As well as placing emphasis on primary research and object analysis, the programme offers a broad-ranging theoretical and methodological basis for the study of design and material culture. Graduates go on to work internationally in universities and colleges, museums and galleries, as well as in a host of other art- and design-based professions such as curating, journalism, media research and design policy. The MA programme provides also an excellent preparation towards PhD research.

Open Day, Friday 29 November

The Open Day provides an opportunity to meet tutors and students, visit facilities both at the V&A and RCA, take part in handling sessions at the V&A and learn more about resources at both institutions. **To find out more and book a place contact hod@rca.ac.uk.**

Scholarships/Awards 2014-15

The following scholarships and awards are available for the V&A/RCA History of Design MA programme for 2014/5:

The V&A Fashion History Scholarship

The V&A Fashion History Scholarship is offered to a student applying from the UK or EU who intends to undertake research in any aspect of fashion history. The Scholarship covers fees for the two years of the MA.

The Friends of the V&A Scholarship

The Friends of the V&A Scholarship is offered to a student applying from the UK or EU who intends to work in a museum after graduating from the V&A/RCA History of Design MA programme. The Scholarship covers fees for the two years of the MA and also includes a maintenance grant of up to 3,000 GBP per year.

The Oliver Ford Trust Scholarship

The Oliver Ford Trust Scholarship is offered to a student applying from the UK or EU who intends to undertake research into an aspect of the design of the domestic interior. The Scholarship covers fees for the two years of the MA and also includes a maintenance grant of up to 3,000 GBP per year.

The RH Smith Renaissance Sculpture in Context Award (Renaissance and Early Modern specialism only)

The award is offered to a student applying from the UK or EU who intends to undertake research in any aspect of Renaissance sculpture and its broad cultural and social context. The award offers a contribution towards the fees of 3,000 GBP a year for the two years of the MA.

The scholarships and awards are given on a competitive basis, judged at interview. Students should indicate their interest in and suitability for the Awards on their application form. The priority deadline for application for 2014/5 is 13 January, 2014, and interviews will be held in March 2014. For more information please contact the programme administrator: hod@rca.ac.uk.

Home/EU fees for 2013/14 will be 9,000 GBP per annum (Home/EU students without full scholarship can apply for a College tuition fee bursary of 3000 GBP). Overseas fees will be 27,900 GBP per annum.

Further details on the Programme, entry requirements, College fees and funding can be found at www.rca.ac.uk/admissions

The College is designated as an eligible institution for a Guaranteed Student Loan under the new Direct Loan Program.

Please note these scholarships and awards are only available for MA students. Further information on research degrees in History of Design and RCA Humanities, please visit www.rca.ac.uk or contact humanities-research@rca.ac.uk.