



## OUR GRADUATES ARE TURNING OPPORTUNITIES INTO CAREERS.

### In a world that runs on ideas, our grads have a head start.

More than ever, employers are looking for creativity. And they're finding it in those who come from The Art Institutes schools. In our career-focused learning environment, students use professional-grade technologies under the guidance of experienced instructors who know first-hand what the industry demands.

By offering internship opportunities and helping to keep our education programs aligned with industry trends, many employers work with our schools to make our students more marketable.

And our system of over 45 schools across North America keeps us connected with employers all around the country.

Of all 2009 graduates of The Art Institute of California—Orange County available for employment, 81.3% were working in a field related to their program of study within six months of graduation, at an average starting salary of \$29,668.

### Who will create tomorrow? It could be you.

We're in the middle of a creative revolution that's opening new opportunities to build a career out of ideas. At an Art Institutes school, our students get a focused education that prepares them to seize those opportunities. We guide, support, and help students take their creativity from the classroom to the working world.

Our graduates enter the job market equipped not only with polished talent, but the professional portfolio, interviewing, and networking skills they need to make an impact in the job market.

#### Measuring our graduates' success.

We've charted our recent grads' progress as they launch their careers, both in terms of finding jobs and in the average salary they're earning.

	Total Graduates	Number of Graduates Unavailable for Employment Within Six Months of Graduation	Number of Graduates Available for Employment Within Six Months of Graduation*	Number of Graduates Employed	Percentage of Available Graduates Employed in Related Field	Average Salary
<b>Bachelor's Degree Programs</b>						
Advertising	16	3	13	8	61.5%	\$24,870
Culinary Management	25	3	22	20	90.9%	\$29,342
Game Art & Design	36	1	35	23	65.7%	\$30,904
Graphic Design	57	5	52	45	86.5%	\$32,289
Industrial Design**	23	0	23	19	82.6%	\$43,487
Interior Design	34	7	27	21	77.8%	\$28,608
Media Arts & Animation	33	4	29	18	62.1%	\$28,226
Visual & Game Programming	5	0	5	4	80.0%	\$27,600
Web Design & Interactive Media	29	2	27	24	88.9%	\$33,120
<b>Total Bachelor's Degree Programs</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>\$31,813</b>
<b>Associate's Degree Programs</b>						
Baking & Pastry	4	0	4	3	75.0%	\$25,047
Culinary Arts	51	4	47	44	93.6%	\$27,334
Graphic Design	13	5	8	6	75.0%	\$15,775
Web Design & Interactive Media	5	2	3	3	100.0%	\$35,107
<b>Total Associate's Degree Programs</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>\$26,389</b>
<b>Diploma Programs</b>						
Art of Cooking	26	6	20	17	85.0%	\$23,590
Baking & Pastry	22	5	17	15	88.2%	\$22,775
<b>Total Diploma Programs</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>86.5%</b>	<b>\$23,208</b>
<b>All Program Totals***</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>81.3%</b>	<b>\$29,668</b>

\* Graduates available for employment excludes graduates who have waived employment assistance for one of the following reasons: medical condition that prevents full-time employment; active military duty; incarceration; death; non-immigrant status; furthering education with minimum of 50% credit load; stay-at-home parent; or continuation of employment in an unrelated field with current salary in excess of entry-level salary.

\*\* School average is skewed upward due to one or more extraordinary salaries that do not depict earnings typical of entry-level Art Institutes graduates.

\*\*\* All Program Totals exclude new programs for which there were no graduates. For a complete list of available programs, please contact the Admissions Department.

Average salaries include, as applicable, annualized salary, overtime, payment for freelance assignments, hourly wages from multiple employments, and scheduled bonus payments. Graduates who have prior work experience and who are new to an employment field are included in the employment statistics. Data represents employment for January 1, 2009–December 31, 2009 graduates, six months after graduation.



## You can judge our grads by the companies that hire them.

Here are just a few of the high-profile employers, both local and around the country, who have hired recent graduates of The Art Institute of California—Orange County.

- 24 Seven
- Activision
- AnQi
- Black & Decker
- Blizzard Entertainment
- Cadiz Design Studio
- Disneyland
- Draft FCB
- inXile Entertainment
- Montage Resort & Spa
- Oakley
- Obsidian Entertainment
- Ovation Animation Studio
- Pacific Sunwear
- Quiksilver
- St. Regis Monarch Resort
- Sur La Table
- Surf & Sand Hotel
- The Resort at Pelican Hill
- TMAX Gear
- Vision Design Studio
- Ware & Malcomb Architects, Inc.
- Whitney Digital
- Young & Rubicam

## Start here. And go as far as your talent takes you.

These aren't just job titles. They're opportunities that some of our recent grads have taken hold of.

### DESIGN

- Account Coordinator
- Artist
- Assistant Project Manager
- AutoCAD Drafter
- Front/Back End Developer
- Graphic Artist/Designer
- Industrial Designer
- Interior Design Assistant
- Junior Copywriter
- Junior Media Buyer
- Marketing Coordinator
- Packaging Designer
- Prepress Production
- Production Artist
- User Interface Designer
- Web Programmer
- Web/Graphic Designer

### MEDIA ARTS

- 3D Animator
- 3D Modeler
- Character/Concept Artist
- Environment Artist
- Flash Animator
- Gameplay Programmer
- QA Testers
- Rigger
- Storyboard Artist
- Texture/Lighting Artist

### CULINARY

- Baker
- Catering Assistant
- Kitchen Manager
- Line Cook
- Pastry Cook
- Prep Cook
- Sous-Chef

## When you're ready to look, you'll find plenty of support.

As our grads start their job search, they can count on the support of our Career Services staff. We provide helpful tips and techniques, and connect them to hiring managers in their community and throughout North America.

### We'll help:

- Develop job-search skills in resumé writing, interviewing, and networking
- Find part-time work while in school
- Pursue full-time work after graduation

### Students can also take advantage of:

- A Portfolio Show during final quarter attended by potential employers
- Opportunities to meet employers at career days and job fairs
- Current insights into the skills employers are looking for



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Programs, credential levels, technology, and scheduling options vary by school. A range of online course opportunities is available at select schools.  
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