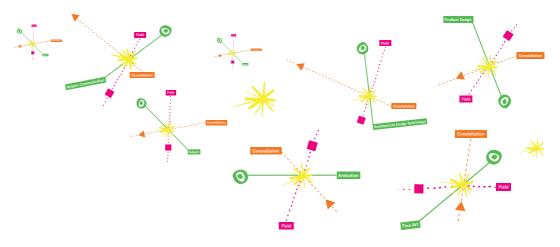


Your Interview

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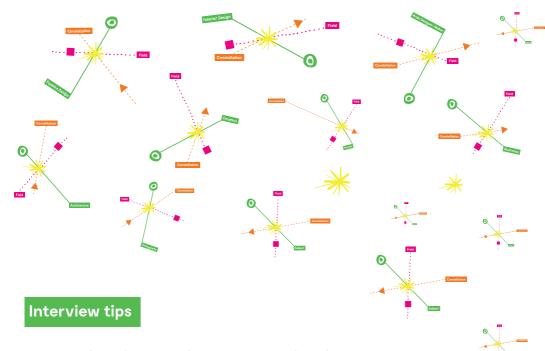
Securing a place at Cardiff School of Art and Design (CSAD) is not just about exam results. We want to know more about you as a person, and as an artist, designer or maker. This helps us to ensure that our diverse and creative community of students and staff is the right fit for you.

This is why we invite our applicants to attend an interview day at our Llandaff Campus with a portfolio of their work. Interview Days at CSAD are a chance for you to show us who you are and what you are capable of. They also give you the opportunity to see how studying here can benefit you – by meeting our staff, seeing our working environment and facilities and taking a campus tour.

The interview process varies depending on the course, but most involve a review of your portfolio and a conversation with the subject team. Some of our interviews are one-to-one, while others may involve group exercises.

All of our interviews are informal - we want you to feel relaxed and able to be yourself.

We're looking for evidence of your enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity as well as your skills and potential as an artist, designer or maker.



Here a few tips on how to get the most out of your interview at CSAD:

- Do your research make sure you've read all the information on our website about the course you are applying for before coming to the interview, including our news pages and student galleries. You could even check out our Instagram and other social media.
- Prepare some questions ask us about things like work placements, travel opportunities and further study after your degree, or anything else you'd like to know about studying with us.
- Be yourself it's not a formal job interview, so we don't expect you to arrive in a suit! We want to meet the real you.
- Be on time make sure to read all of the information we send you, and allow plenty of time in your travel arrangements (see 'how to find us'). We recommend you arrive 30 minutes before your interview time. You'll perform much better if you aren't stressed about being late. If there's a problem and you think you might be late, get in touch and let us know as soon as possible. We like to give you plenty of time here, so you should expect to spend the morning or afternoon with us, depending on the time slot for your interview.



Portfolio tips

Your portfolio represents you as an artist, designer or maker and should give us an insight into your interests, skills and creative scope. Here are some tips:

- Include your best work. This may be work created on your current course, or personal work that you've created for yourself. Make sure it's well organised and laid out.
- Quality over quantity. Part of preparing a good portfolio is deciding what to leave out – rather than bringing everything you've ever done, choose your best and most relevant pieces. We recommend you bring a single portfolio (up to A1 size) and one or two sketchbooks to show how you develop your ideas.
- Show us your experiments. Include pieces where you tried something new, or took a risk – even if it didn't work out. This shows us that you can work outside of your comfort zone.
- Don't bring large 3D work. If you have very large 3D work that you'd like to show us, don't bring it with you as it could get damaged or lost. Instead take good quality photographs and document it in your portfolio.
- Unlock your devices. If you have digital or moving image work to show us, please ensure the device you bring it on is unlocked/not password protected for the duration of the interview.

After your interview

If you are successful at interview, we will write to you with either a conditional or unconditional offer. If you get an unconditional offer, we'd expect you to keep working and learning - we strongly recommend that you work hard to complete the course you are currently on and get the best results you can. We will also inform UCAS so that they can update your profile on Track.

If we make you a conditional offer but you don't get the required grades on results day, get in touch. If you did well at the interview and impressed us with your portfolio, we'll take that into consideration.

We are STEAMD!

We practice Art & Design thinking expanded into the contexts of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths with a focus upon social responsibility, global citizenship, inclusivity, wellbeing and sustainable futures.

Our curriculum is innovative

It is designed to allow for transformative inter, cross and multidisciplinary learning opportunities. Having more, and varied, experiences reveals potentially creative connections between and across disciplines as well as beyond the University.

Our teaching, research & innovation is world class & integrated

It is human centred. It bridges art & science, design & well-being, humans & the environment, materiality & technology, inclusive & interactive design, and has people at its core. Our students' ideas are part of that.

CSAD graduates are thinkers

They are the practitioners, entrepreneurs, leaders, employable and the employers of the future. Creative and critical thinking enables success.

CSAD prepares people for a changing world

We bring our global contacts and networks with industry into our studios to work with students. We provide experiences and opportunities that are future proof. 60% of graduates will, in 10 years, be working in jobs that don't exist yet.

We think global

We are citizens of the world, our partnerships with communities and institutions are mutually productive and beneficial.

We act local

Our staff and students make a contribution to society and industry. We are agents for positive change.

www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/csad www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/opendays



How to find us

By Public Transport

Cardiff Central is the city's main railway station. Visit www.nationalrail.co.uk to plan your journey.

Buses from Cardiff Central Station to Llandaff take approximately 15 minutes. From here our campus is a 5-10 minute walk away. For service details visit **www.cardiffbus.com** and use the journey planner.

Further directions can be found on our website at www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/findus

By car

Parking is not available at our Llandaff Campus, but there is a drop off/pick up area at the front of campus. Use the postcode **CF5 2YB** for Sat Nav.

If you have a disability and you will need a parking space or any additional support, please contact us in advance so we can help.

Contact Us

If you have questions about your interview, or need to get in touch with us on the day, contact us at the details below: 029 2041 6010 askadmissions@cardiffmet.ac.uk



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