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Visit our website MICA Graduate Orientation Resources page for more information or any info you may have missed.

Welcome to MICA! We're so excited to share this space with you for the next year or two as you embark on one of the most challenging, yet rewarding experiences of your life. You already have access to the Grad Welcome Page as an admitted student and we aim to transition to the Grad Community Page as a central hub with resources and information to count on as a current student. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to graduatestudies@mica.edu or call us at 410 225 5274.



Welcome from Stacey Salazar, Vice Provost of Graduate Studies



Congratulations on your acceptance to a MICA graduate program!

We, the faculty and staff of Graduate Studies, look forward to welcoming you to the fall semester!

As you may know, each of our 14 graduate programs feature small cohorts of students, specialized rigorous curricula, a campus location customized to program needs, and faculty and guests recognized for their expertise. We are working hard throughout the summer to assure everything is ready for you to begin your creative journey as a graduate student. Please check your MICA email frequently over the coming weeks for important updates as we approach the start of the fall semester.

In the meantime, I would like to share something from an essay by contemporary artist Ann Hamilton in which she reminds us that it is “the uncountable symbolic and cultural acts,” however small, that “spread ideas, shape imaginations, and shift the world.” That describes some of what I hope

we – as a community of students, faculty, and staff – will be undertaking together this coming year: uncountable acts, even very simple, everyday actions, that expand ideas, open up creative work, and shift the world.

Stay well and we'll see you very soon!



Stacey Salazar, Vice Provost of Graduate Studies

If time permits, I encourage you to include this essay by Ann Hamilton as part of your summer reading, [Making Not Knowing](#)

Hamilton, Ann. "Making Not Knowing." [Adapted from 2005 commencement address at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.] In: Jacob, Mary Jane., and Jacquelynn Baas. Learning Mind: Experience into Art . Chicago, Ill: School of the Art Institute of Chicago. 2009. Print.



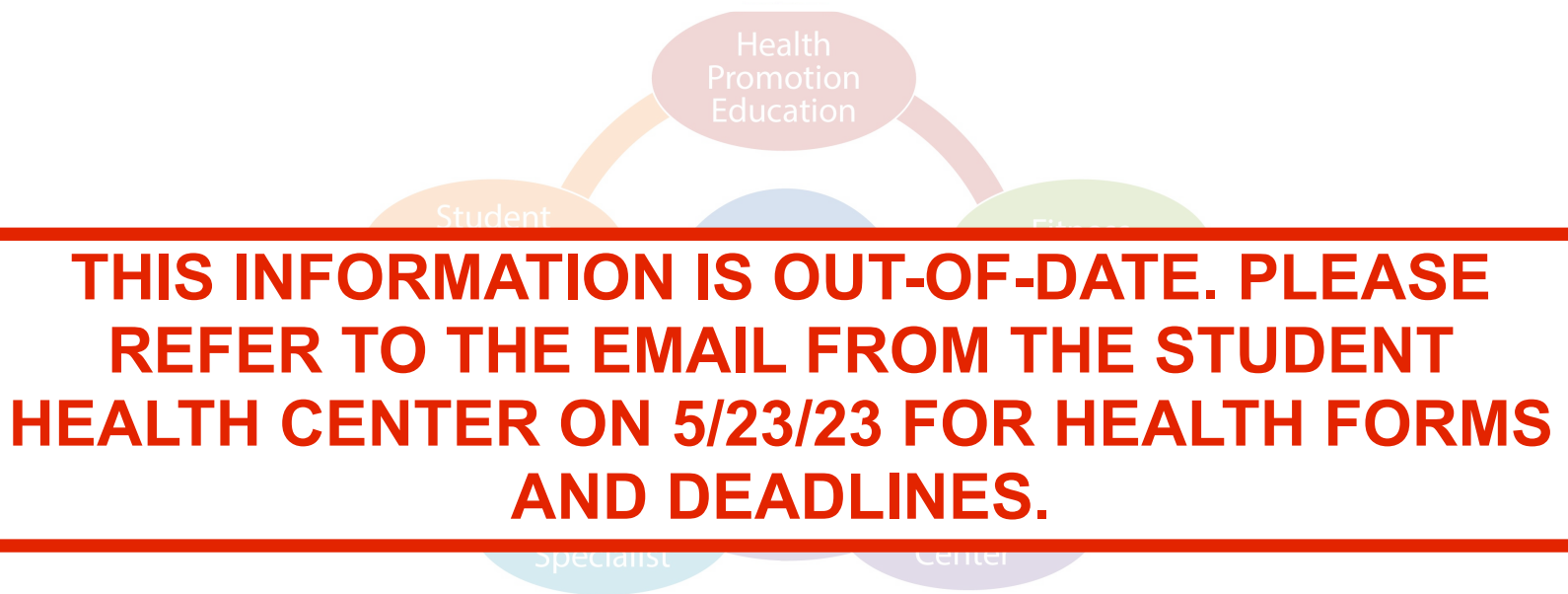
:: Fall Orientation Save the Dates

New Graduate Student Orientation for Fall 2023 will take place **Tuesday, August, 22 - Sunday, August 27**. We will share more information about the schedule of events soon.

As another orientation resource, you will be automatically enrolled in the Graduate Student Orientation Canvas Course and receive an email notification in your MICAmail. You can login to [Canvas](#) using your MICA credentials starting **July 5th**. Incoming international graduate students will also be enrolled in a second course titled "Resources for International Students," which is required.



:: VAX and Health Forms



MICA requires a completed health history form from all incoming students. This form includes your health history, a physical examination, and an up-to-date immunization history. Please complete your portion of the form linked below and have your primary care provider complete the physical examination and immunization history sections. Additionally, the optional Medical Provider Request & Consent for Continuity of Medication Management form is also linked. **Please submit [these form\(s\)](#) by Friday July 14, 2023 to MICA Student Health Services by uploading your documents to the secure student [Medicat](#) portal or fax to 410.225.0252.**

Any expenses related to the physical exam, immunizations or lab work that is not covered by the student's insurance plan will be the responsibility of the student.

Should you need additional information or clarification regarding the health history form, please feel free to call MICA Student Health Services at 410-225-4118, visit the [Student Health Center webpage](#), or email healthservices@mica.edu.



Xavier Xcel Lightfoot presenting at the MICA GRAD SHOW I Opening Reception, 2023

:: Fall 2023 Registration

Students seeking guidance on degree requirements and course enrollment options for the Fall Semester 2023 should consult with Ken Dipping, Director of Academic Advising, and/or their Program Director. Ken meets with students on an appointment basis and can be reached at kdipping@mica.edu. Graduate students are also encouraged to visit the [Graduate Registration website](#) for resources related to course enrollment, including program checklists ([degree plan worksheets](#)) and the graduate elective guide. Course descriptions can be found [here](#).

All new graduate students have been assigned a registration appointment time based on their program. This represents the earliest time that course choices can be submitted:

MA Students: June 29, 2023 at 8:00am Eastern Standard Time

MFA Students: June 30, 2023 at 8:00am Eastern Standard Time

A registration hold has been placed on all incoming student accounts until your registration appointment time

[Student Exchange Program](#): MICA students are able to register for courses at approved nearby universities in place of an elective, including liberal arts courses. Visit the link to see which schools are included.

Students experiencing any issues/challenges with the registration process can reference a recording of our webinar on June 21, 2023 with Ken Dippong, available at www.mica.edu/gradwelcome or directly here: [Graduate Student Registration Webinar](#). There is also a step-by-step guide [here](#). You can also contact the Office of Enrollment Services at enrollmentservices@mica.edu.



Kellie Gillespie, Rinehart School of Sculpture, M.F.A. 2022

:: Graduate Teaching Internship (GTI) Information

Graduate students are eligible to apply for a paid [Graduate Teaching Internship \(GTI\)](#) to gain experience assisting professors in undergraduate courses. Along with taking a Philosophy and Pedagogy course, you will be expected to complete three GTI positions during your time at MICA.

This [spreadsheet](#) houses all of the GTI opportunities currently posted by undergraduate faculty. In order to be considered for a position, please contact faculty directly with the contact information provided. You may also contact

faculty whose courses are not listed to inquire about additional opportunities. If you have any questions about the GTI process, you can reach out to Carolyn Case, Graduate Internship Coordinator at gradintern@mica.edu.



:: Graduate Elective Guide and Emphasis

Follow these links for more information about a Graduate Emphasis in [Curatorial Practice](#) or [Intercultural Communication](#). Please note that these curriculums are for the 2021-2022 school year, so there may be some updates for incoming students. If you are interested in one of these Emphases, please reach out to Enrollment Services or **Ken Dipping, the Graduate Enrollment Advisor**, at enrollmentservices@mica.edu or kdipping@mica.edu.

Undergraduate courses and select graduate courses may be taken to fulfill electives, if these spaces have not already been filled by the requirements of an Emphasis or a Graduate Teaching Internship. To see the number of electives for your program, check your [degree plan worksheet](#). To browse available electives, view them in your myMICA class search (the same tool you would use to add classes to your cart for the semester) or see a course list [here](#). If you have any questions about electives, please reach out to Ken Dipping (contact info above).



:: Housing Resources & Living on Campus



Colorful Rowhomes in Baltimore City

[View Graduate Admissions' most recent recorded info session all about finding housing and living in Baltimore.](#)

Baltimore, like most east coast cities, splits into dozens of smaller neighborhoods. Below is a list of neighborhoods that are convenient and close to campus that could be a helpful starting point in your search for off campus housing. For a more in-depth look at Baltimore neighborhoods, please visit livebaltimore.com. Check out [MICA Eats](#) for restaurant recommendations from students in the area.

Join the [MICA Graduate Students Seeking Housing Facebook Group](#) to connect with potential roommates and find an apartment in Baltimore. You can also join [Hampden and Remington Roommates and Rentals](#), or search the neighborhood that you'd like to move to + "housing" or "rentals" in facebook to find more potential groups for renting.

Convenient Neighborhoods:

Bolton Hill
Reservoir Hill
Mt. Vernon
Hampden
Remington
Charles Village

On-Campus Housing

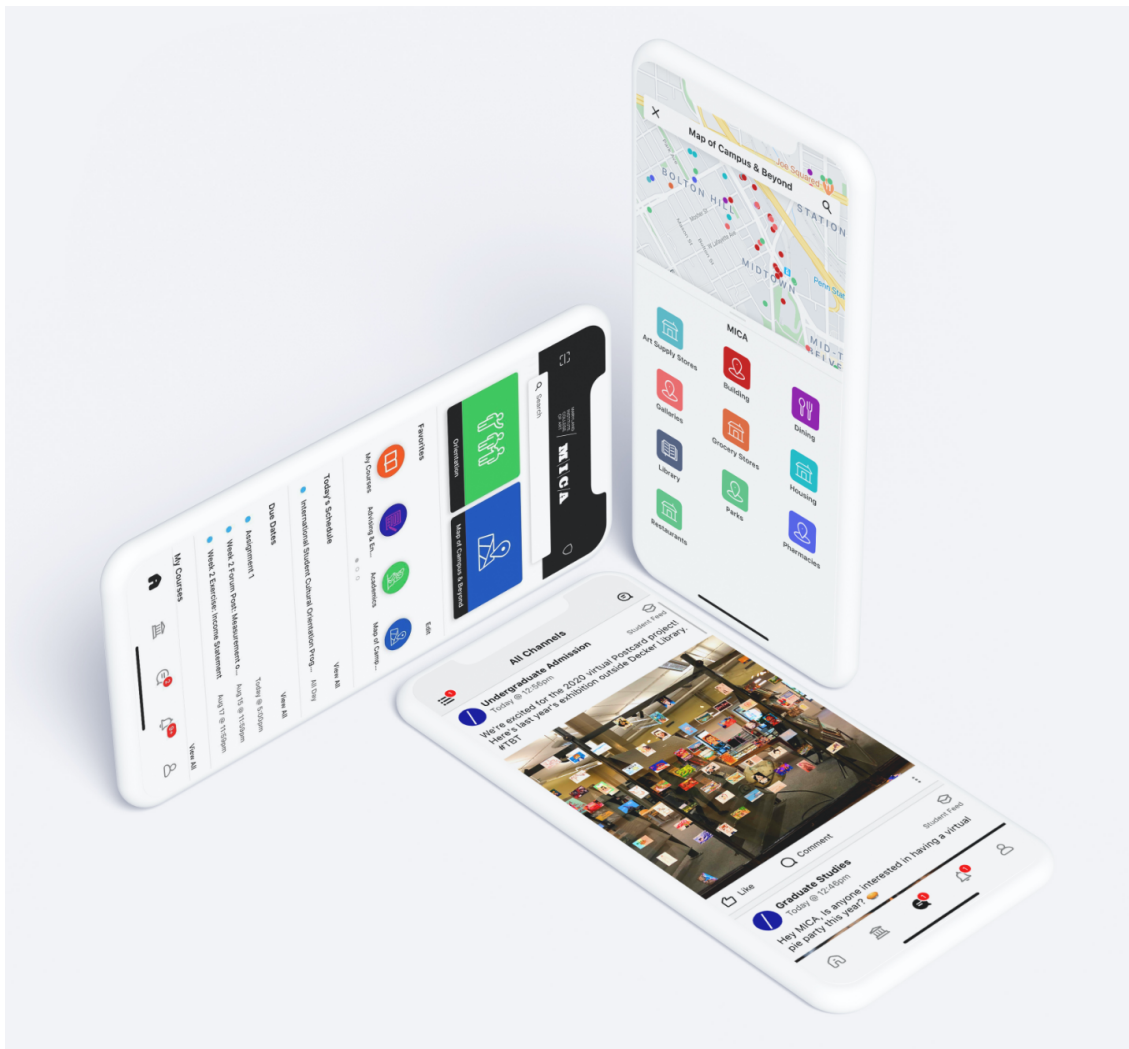
If you've applied for on-campus housing, the [Office of Residence Life](#) will be in touch very soon with updates. If you haven't applied for on-campus housing, and think you might still be interested, feel free to email MICA Residence Life, residencelife@mica.edu to talk more about what might be available.

Have more questions about living in Baltimore? Visit this [FAQ page](#) about being a graduate student in "Charm City."



:: MICA Graduate Communications

First and foremost, your MICA email! This is the ONLY place we will send information that you are required to know. It's very important that you check your MICA email daily so you don't miss any important announcements, deadlines or opportunities.



MICA/APP

Just because we're apart, doesn't mean we can't stay together — as a community, as a class, and as friends. With MICA / App you can discover and join organizations and groups, check in to virtual events and gatherings, direct message friends and faculty, get your coursework, make appointments, and even add money to your Mlcard. You can find the MICA/App on the App Store or on Google Play. We will be using the MICA/App to share the orientation schedule with students as well as posting any Graduate related events and information throughout the school year, so it is a good hub for staying connected with other students and getting the information you need.

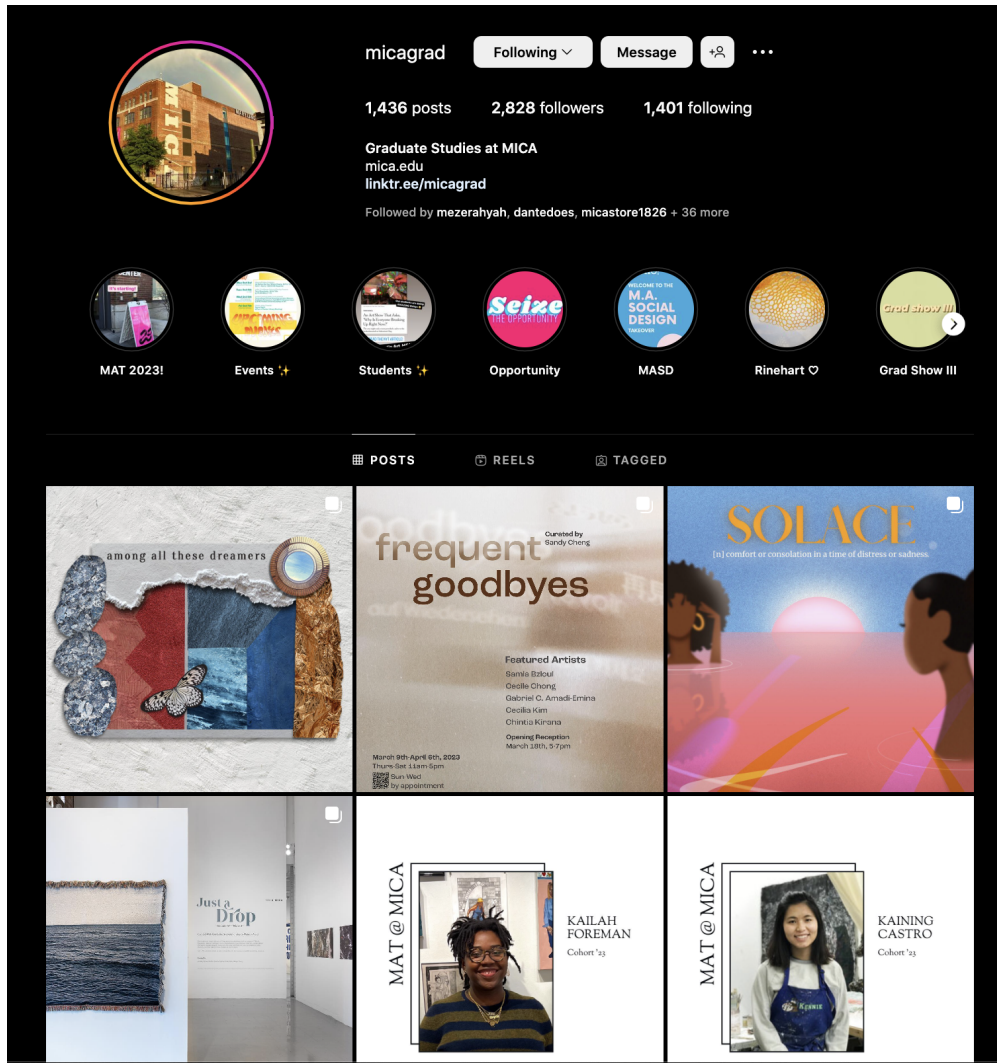


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We are really proud of our @micograd instagram and we would love it if you'd share it with us! Follow us to get updates on MICA happenings and to see the work of your peers across programs. The @micograd Instagram Page is run in collaboration with Office of Graduate Admissions and our aim for the page is to show what it's like to be in MICA's graduate programs and to get the outside world excited about our programs and students. If you tag @micograd in any of your posts or stories, we'll do our best to share to the Instagram story. If you have something special you'd like to share on our Instagram (or any of our communication channels) please feel free to share via [this link to our communications form!](#)

Composition, a biweekly newsletter



Finally, we have our biweekly newsletter, [Composition](#). You can follow this link to see an archive of our newsletters, but you will also get this newsletter biweekly throughout the school year. We go on hiatus during summer and winter breaks, but the rest of the time we share information about opportunities, jobs, exhibitions, events, activities, and awards or recognition for students, faculty and staff! We also keep a running section of helpful resources on the newsletter in case you need to find something readily like links to our Graduate Research Lab or FLIV WoodShop websites and schedules. Always check this newsletter as there will always be updates and good opportunities to keep your eye on here, and you can submit your own news to this newsletter using the [same communications form](#)!

MORE QUESTIONS?

We are available at graduatestudies@mica.edu.



EDS Exhibition Installation, 2022

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