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School meeting April 3, 2024

Participants in the Project Studio: APD 10, TD 7, IxD 12, BFA 16, AFD 2, Staff 9

Agenda

- Reminders & Updates
- UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show
- Erasmus & Traineeship
- Internships
- Ställverket
- Other items

Reminders & Updates

Head of Institute, Demian Horst offered an update on new employee Karey Helms, associate professor at UID. Karey, a UID alumna from the IxD programme, presented herself, explaining that she will be at UID 50 percent to start with. Karey will teach, will be joining the IxD programme council and also work as deputy equal opportunities officer along with her parallel research activities.

It was also mentioned that the application period for the Welcome Officer at UID will open soon. Current students were encouraged to apply for the position that aims to offer newly admitted students assistance as they prepare to start their educational programmes at UID.

Students were urged to be careful when using stairs around the premises, further emphasised by a fall that had occurred in the past weeks. New anti-slip strips will be placed on the stairway steps around the school in the coming month. It was also mentioned that it is not allowed to consume alcohol at school (unless it is done at a designated area during official student pubs or parties). Students were directed to the UID Student Handbook to learn more about rules and regulations regarding parties and alcohol at school.

UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show

Head of Institute, Demian Horst, noted that a host of companies have already signed up for the event. He also showed the UID24 website and where to find all the necessary information regarding the event. Further information was given on the companies currently asking for access to the UID24 Talent Pool. The overall preparation timeline for UID24 was shared, as details were given on the road towards finalising portfolio interviews. Students were also notified that it is always okay to update teaser images and teaser sentences at any time.

Staff and students were informed that they can buy meal package tickets to join dinner and lunches at UID24. A dedicated email with instructions will be sent out shortly. The presumed deadline for this will occur about a week before the event.

Key dates & times



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- Design Talks & Degree Show: May 28-29
- Graduation Ceremony: May 30
- Graduation Dinner & Party: May 30
- Public Exhibition: June 1

UID24 Programme

Day 1:

- Portfolio Interviews (morning)
- Degree Pitches (afternoon)
- Exhibition Opening (evening)

Day 2:

- Keynotes & Panel Discussion (morning)
- Company Pitches & Portfolio Interviews (afternoon)

Traineeship abroad

Emilia Emilsson from the International Office informed about Erasmus grants and traineeship. She explained that an Erasmus traineeship can help you broaden your education, develop creative skills, sharpen your CV and language skills. It also allows you to increase tolerance and understanding, experience a new culture, and meet new friends and networking. You can do this within programmes, between semesters, or after graduation.

You can go to EU member states as well as Iceland, Norway, Serbia and Turkey (as well as a handful of exotic non-European locations). The grant sums are between 660-710 EUR/month. Extra funding includes further assistance for travel and especially green travel.

To be able to apply you need to be a full-time student pursuing a degree. Also, you're not allowed to receive other UE/UHR scholarships at the same time.

Further details were given on the detailed application process. You must apply while you are a registered student before the end of the term. For applications sent in during the spring of 2024, the deadline is June 2. Any questions can be sent to erasmusstipendium@umu.se.

Internships

Demian Horst informed that at UID, there are two kinds of internships available: Compulsory (BFA2 or elective 3rd term in IxD and TD), and Voluntary (gap year).

Compulsory internships are part of your studies and are currently applicable to BFA, TD and IxD. Students are enrolled in a course and 'check in' with their programmes remotely along the way. Courses are supported by literature and students are expected to produce reflective writing during the internship. No confidential information is exchanged with the school.

Voluntary internships require a formal application for interruption of studies, initiated by the student and sent to programme director before the end of the term. UID supports the



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application by guaranteeing a place back in the programme one year later (max). For non-European students it is important to note that the Swedish study visa will be revoked for this period when the student is on a study break. UID will issue a support letter for a new visa. However, there may be long processing times at the migration office.

Ställverket

Head of Ställverket, Iver Alexey Zaitzow Mikaelsen, talked about the new editors for the Wozzop Magazine. They are led by Vilmer Lundström (AFD) who invited fellow students to contribute in any ways they see fit. A suggestion box for upcoming issues of the magazine has been placed opposite to the staff kitchen. Iver also informed that the grad show, organised by non-graduating students, are well in the making. The future of Ställverket was also discussed as many members will go on internships in the autumn. In addition, fellow students were reminded to approach graduating students in a normal, friendly and empathetic way, not always assuming they are stressed because of their proximity to the end of their studies. The feedback is that this gesture, even if understood as well-intended, will actually further stress levels.

Next school meeting

The next school meeting on May 8 (1st Wednesday every month).