

FINE ART

Overview

Fine art graduates typically explore a wide range of roles linked to their degree. They are often also interested in looking at other creative roles which could be in career areas such as marketing, advertising or the media. Some of the roles listed below may require further study or specialist training, and relevant experience will certainly be an asset.

Roles

The following profiles are available on Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk).

- [Fine Artist](#)
- [Advertising Art Director](#)
- [Animator](#)
- [Art Therapist](#)
- [Art Worker](#)
- [Arts Administrator](#)
- [Art Gallery Manager](#)
- [Community Arts Worker](#)
- [Concept Artist](#)
- [Exhibition Designer](#)
- [Graphic Designer](#)
- [Illustrator](#)
- [Interior and Spatial Designer](#)
- [Museum/Gallery Curator](#)
- [Museum Gallery Exhibitions Officer](#)
- [Printmaker](#)
- [Production Designer, theatre/television/film](#)
- [Secondary School Teacher](#)

Finding Opportunities

Many roles for Fine Artists – such as Artists in Residence – may rely on a creative job hunt approach and/or using niche sites such as those list below.

- artscouncil.org.uk
- artshub.co.uk
- artsjobs.org.uk
- artshub.co.uk/jobs
- artsjobsonline.com
- artsprofessional.co.uk
- artquest.org.uk
- [Arts Culture Media Jobs](#)
- [Association of Illustrators \(theaoi.com\)](http://Association of Illustrators (theaoi.com))
- [British Institute of Interior Design \(biid.org.uk\)](http://British Institute of Interior Design (biid.org.uk))

- broadcastjobs.co.uk
- [Creative and Cultural Skills website \(ccskills.org.uk\)](http://CreativeandCulturalSkills.org.uk)
- creativeopportunities.arts.ac.uk
- creativepool.com/jobs
- [Institute of Practitioners in Advertising \(ipa.co.uk\)](http://InstituteofPractitionersinAdvertising.co.uk) Also see the [IPA Jobs Listings \(ipa.co.uk/job-listing\)](http://ipa.co.uk/job-listing)
- designjobsboard.com
- jobs.designweek.co.uk
- [Indeed](http://Indeed.com) or [Total Jobs](http://TotalJobs.com)
- [Leicester University School of Museum Studies Jobs Desk](http://LeicesterUniversitySchoolofMuseumStudiesJobsDesk.com)
- museumjobs.com
- printmakerscouncil.com
- musuemsassociation.org/museums-journal

Some areas may use specialist recruitment agencies – examples of these can be found within the relevant job profile.

Some of the jobs such as Teaching, working in museums or working as an Artist in Residence can require further postgraduate, and/or professional training. You can find more information about these requirements when you explore the particular job profile that interests you.

Building Experience

It hardly needs saying that your future success links to the skills and experience you gain whilst you study. Grab any opportunities the department offers to meet Artists, build skills or to display your art through exhibitions, residencies etc.

It can be tough to find relevant work experience advertised and you will likely have to apply to individuals and organisations to gain experience. Many of the web links listed on the previous page under Finding Opportunities can help you find these opportunities – for example the Arts Council and ArtsHub can link you with artists, illustrators and others who may be able to offer work experience or at the very least advice on what to do next to get relevant experience. Similarly, you may have to make speculative applications to employers who may not be formally advertising work experience – this is often the case in areas such as advertising, TV, theatre, film. Do make an appointment with a Careers Consultant to explore how to make this work for you.

It is also essential to think creatively about how you market yourself to potential employers – a traditional CV may not cut it! [The University of the Arts in London](http://TheUniversityoftheArtsinLondon.com) also has extensive web pages on finding work, marketing yourself, self-employment and portfolio building.

Exploring Further

The skills and knowledge you have gained in your degree will be valuable in a wide range of roles and job sectors. If you are not sure what you want or want to explore other roles not listed in this help sheet but don't know where to start why not visit the [Explore pages](#) of our website or book an appointment with one of our Career Consultants?

