

Apparel Design Resources

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Learn About Careers in Apparel Design

Fashion Designer

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/arts-and-design/fashion-designers.htm>

An overview of a career in Apparel Design from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Fashion Careers

<http://www.fashion-schools.org/fashion-careers.htm>

Job Posting Sites for Apparel Design Related Fields

Apparel Search

<http://www.apparelsearch.com>

Links to employment in the apparel industry and links to countless other resources related to the field

Core 77/Coroflot

<http://www.core77.com>

Design salary surveys, job postings, career information, a portfolio creation tool and much more!

Fashion Career Center

<http://www.fashioncareercenter.com/>

Free job postings for the apparel and retail industry

Fashion Net

<http://www.fashion.net/jobs/>

International job and internship listings for the fashion and retail industry. Also includes links to numerous other resources including an international designer lists

Free Fashion Internships

<http://freefashioninternships.com/>

Free internship postings in blog format for the fashion industry. Includes internships in New York City and California, and some Midwest-based. Also includes links to numerous other resources.

Going Global

<http://goldpass.umn.edu> (link for Going Global will be on the student landing page).

Going Global is a great resource for international students looking for information on work opportunities here in the United States. It is also a great tool for students looking for information on the cultural nuances of the job search in various countries and cities throughout the world.

GoldPASS

<http://goldpass.umn.edu>

University of Minnesota job posting system. In addition to finding current job and internship openings, use GoldPASS to search info and contacts for students' previously completed internships related to this major (to get ideas and contact information; this is not a list of openings), select "job search", then "internship agreement database".

Green Careers Resource Guide

<http://www.cassio.com> and select Green jobs and career resources.

"The resource guide answers basic green career questions such as: What is a green job? What is sustainability? Where are the green jobs? What occupations can lead to green jobs? What are the best online resources for people who want a green job or career? Includes links to hundreds of industry and occupation-specific resources as well as descriptions of all major green niche job boards."

Internship Programs.com – Internship Search Engine

<http://internships.wetfeet.com>

Includes free internship postings in the apparel and retail industries

Internships

<http://www.internships.com/>

This website provides services and resources for students, employers and educators. Students can search for internships and jobs based on location and type of industry/major.

Springboard for the Arts

<http://www.springboardforthearts.org/>

Job and internship postings for art related opportunities. Also includes resources for individuals who are trying to make a living as professional artists

Style Careers

<http://stylecareers.com>

Search jobs, post resumes and create portfolios. Also includes job searching resources such as resume and interviewing tips, employer profiles, and fashion career fair information.

The Creative Group

<http://www.creativegroup.com/>

Temporary agency for the creative industry with offices in Minneapolis

Twitter Job Search

Current job postings collected from Twitter

UC-Davis Fashion Internship Blog

<http://ucdtxcinternships.blogspot.com/>

Similar to the FreeFashionInternships blog, this has internship and entry-level positions in all aspects of the industry and includes positions around the country.

Women's Wear Daily Careers

<http://www.wwd.com/wwdcareers>

Previously fashioncareers.com, this is an updated site that has job postings and career information.

Professional Associations Related to Apparel Design

Many professional associations have listservs or web sites where jobs and internships are posted. Sometimes, membership is required for access, so consider becoming a student member. Other benefits of membership include access to other members (for informational interviews), evidence of your commitment to the industry, and information about current trends as well as upcoming conferences and local meetings.

American Apparel & Footwear Association

<http://www.apparelandfootwear.org/>

Legislative and trade news related to the industry. Events for members including trade shows and seminars.

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)

<http://www.aafcs.org>

Professional association includes a student homepage and newsletter, scholarships, related resources and job listings.

American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC)

<http://www.aatcc.org/>

Search information on job opportunities, grants & scholarships, competitions, and beginning a student chapter.

Costume Designers Guild (CDG)

<http://www.costumedesignersguild.com/>

Features a Member Directory, and information on costume designers and illustrators working in motion pictures, television and commercials

Costume Society of America (CSA)

<http://www.costumesocietyamerica.com>

Professional association includes student membership, internship and scholarship listing, Midwest chapter and regional events, job openings and a member business directory.

Council of Fashion Designers of America

<http://www.cfda.com/>

Professional association focusing on professional development and recognition of fashion designers.

Fashion Group International (FGI)

<http://www.fgi.org/>

Professional association web site includes a section for students. Members gain information about the industry including trend reports, job bank, member directory and more.

International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA)

<http://www.itaaonline.org/>

Professional association includes job announcements, educational information, scholarships and student membership.

Minnesota Fashion

<http://mnfashion.org/>

Works to create a sustainable and productive fashion industry in Minnesota. Hosts Minnesota Fashion Weekend.

National Retail Federation

<http://www.nrf.com>

Comprehensive resources and advice for retailers and consumers.

Textile Society of America (TSA)

<http://textilesociety.org>

Professional association includes student membership, publications, scholarships, events/study tours, related resources, and job/internship listings.

Additional Resources for Apparel Design

Apparel News

<http://www.apparelnews.net/>

Current trends, trade shows, news related to the fashion industry

The Design Observers Group

<http://designobserver.com/>

News, articles, and books focused on design, visual art, cultural, and social change.

Fashion Biz Inc

<http://www.fashionbizinc.org/>

Provides assistance and information to those interested in starting their own apparel business – specifically geared toward those residing in California.

Minneapolis Design Collective

<http://www.designcollectivempls.com/>

A clothing store featuring items from local designers.

University of Minnesota Undergraduate Research

<http://www.urop.umn.edu/>

Offers research and creative activity experiences to students in all of our undergraduate colleges, to students in honors programs, as well as students not in honors programs.

Women's Wear Daily

<http://www.wwd.com>

Current news and information about the fashion industry, including fashion, retail, accessories, textiles, research and more.

Student Organizations for Apparel Design

For more information on the student organization below, and others, visit

<https://gopherlink.umn.edu/organizations/>

Student & Alumni Board

http://www.design.umn.edu/alumni_friends/join/

The College of Design Student and Alumni Board provides leadership for the College of Design Alumni Society and serves as the official College of Design Student Board for graduate and undergraduate students.

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