



## **Career Information for Photography and Digital Studio (Photo) Majors**

### **OSU CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESOURCES**

*<https://career.oregonstate.edu/>*

- Handshake Accounts
- Career Events- Get a Dam Job Series
- Career & Major Exploration
- Assistance with Job and Internship Searches
- Resume and Cover Letter Preparation
- Interview Skills
- Graduate School Information
- Alumni/ Employer Connections
- Resume Reviews with VMock

### **USEFUL JOB/INTERNSHIP RESOURCES**

- O\*NET
- Handshake
- Buzzfile
- LinkedIn (OSU Alumni)
- Internships.com
- Indeed.com
- USAjobs.gov
- Idealist.org
- [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oregon](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oregon)
- <http://www.publicservicecareers.org/>

### **HOT JOBS FOR PHOTO MAJORS**

- Forensic Photographer (FBI or Police)
- Casting Assistant
- Events Photographer
- Product Photographer
- Freelance Photographer
- Retoucher
- Advertising Art Director
- Editorial Photographer
- News/Sports Photographer

### **College of Liberal Arts Career Services**

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### **HOT JOBS FOR PHOTO MAJORS (CONT.)**

- Medical/Clinical Photographer
- Estate Agency Photographer
- Digital Imaging Specialist
- Historical Picture Researcher

### **SKILLS DEVELOPED IN MAJOR**

- Time Management
- Teamwork
- Patience and Concentration
- Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Attention to Detail
- Creative Problem-Solving
- Adaptability
- Branding/ Marketing
- Effective Communication
- Multitasking
- Deadline Management
- Troubleshooting
- Strategic Thinking
- Independence
- Studio Design
- Able to Read and Understand Contracts
- Archiving
- Cataloging



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### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Virtually every type of career and industry has Professional Associations that host events and conferences, produce statistics and reports, write best practices and newsletters, announce job openings, and serve as a connector for their many professional members. As a student, you may be able to get a reduced (or free) membership rate and qualify for scholarships.

Here are some Professional Associations that Photo Majors may want to check out:

- **American Photographic Artists:** <http://apanational.org/>
- **Professional Photographers of America:** <https://www.ppa.com/>
- **American Society of Media Professionals:** <https://www.asmp.org/>
- **American Photographers Association:** <http://www.apaamerica.com/>
- **National Press Photographers Association:** <https://nppa.org/>
- **Association of Independent Architectural Photographers:** <http://www.aiap.net/>
- **American Society of Picture Professionals:** <http://aspp.com/>

### MAKING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Creating and growing connections is crucial when it comes to finding internships and jobs. While you need to bring your experience and knowledge to the table, it is true that most employees secure their jobs through the people they know. Ask your faculty, advisors, and Career Development Career staff to help you find professionals in your fields of interest and start seeking out ways to expand your network.

Below are some tips that will help you start finding and nurturing valuable connections:

- **Conduct Informational Interviews-** Seek out OSU Alumni or other professionals to ask for a half hour meeting. Ask them questions about their jobs, careers, industry experience, etc.
- **LinkedIn-** A complete profile is a must-have for any college student to connect with a professional community and gain industry news and knowledge.
- **Online Presence-** Create a polished, professional online presence through various social media outlets.
- **Attend-** OSU career fairs, career panels, employer events, workshops, and career treks

### SAMPLE OF GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photography and Related Media (MFA)</li> <li>• Photographic and Electronic Media (MFA)</li> <li>• Social Documentation (MA)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MFA Photography</li> <li>• MA Photography</li> <li>• Documentary and Photojournalism (MA)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History and Theory of Photography (MA)</li> <li>• Photographic Documentation. Recovery, Treatment and Diffusion (MA)</li> </ul> |
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