



## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The SRISA Internship Program provides an invaluable opportunity for SRISA students to study and intern abroad in Florence.

Students may intern with a local business in Florence or onsite at the SRISA campus. The internships are unpaid and are offered for 3 credits. During the summer months, internships are only offered for 1 credit and within the SRISA campus.

Students must work a specified number of hours during the semester as required by the home institution. The student's final grade will be dependent upon their quality of work, timeliness, and accountability.

Students that have some Italian language competency will have more opportunities, however, speaking Italian is not a prerequisite for participation.

### Course Description

Supervised, practical field employment providing the opportunity for the student to apply prior learning to practical job experiences.

### Course Objectives

1. To give the student experience in a professional application of their knowledge and skills
2. Facilitate the opportunity for the student to build their resume while continuing their education
3. Assist the student in developing problem solving, creative, and communication skills
4. Adapt to an international work and social environment

### **Internship Disciplines**

- Local Art Gallery, Artist/Curator Assistant
- SRISA Studio Assistant
- Photography and Photojournalism
- Journalism
- Graphic Design
- Fashion Design
- Jewelry Design
- SRISA Marketing and Communications

### **Internship Application**

Interested candidates should submit the following items via email as soon as possible to allow us to begin the appropriate search for an internship partner.

- Area of Interest
- Current CV



- Letter of Intent describing your desired work experience
- Portfolio and/or link to your website
- Relevant courses taken. This may be listed on your CV or separately
- Level of Italian Language, if any
- Letter of recommendation from a former employer, internship supervisor, or professor

### **What is involved?**

The amount of time that each internship will require is dependent upon the number of credit hours undertaken. Students that pursue the internship for credit will be required to keep regular hours each week and complete a final written presentation about their work experience. Students can also take advantage of SRISA's resume-building and career skills consultation.

### **Conditions**

Internships are unpaid and will be offered for academic credit. SRISA will make every effort to provide you with an internship, however we cannot guarantee a placement for you. Placements are dependent upon the availability of suitable positions and on an interview following your arrival in Florence.

An internship is a continuance of your studies. When requesting a placement, you should carefully consider the additional time that will be required for an internship and the possibility that you may have to work on Fridays, weekends, or during the semester break. An internship/experience credit placement is a serious commitment, which, when accepted, must be fully and responsibly fulfilled.



### **Testimonial**

I knew an internship was the best way for me to get practical experience in the field of Italian craftsmanship, so in the fall of 2012 I decided to apply to an internship program organized by Santa Reparata International School of Art (SRISA) in Florence, Italy, working as an intern under Italian Jeweler, Federico. I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet and collaborate with the kindest artist, whose knowledge in the Jewelry field has helped guide me through out my spring semester.

- Jiseo Kim, Spring 2013