



Rhode Island School of Design Summer Teen Art Institute

Hosted at the HD Shanghai Bilingual School
Shanghai, China

3-Week Foundation Experience: July 9–29, 2023
2-Week Major Intensive: July 30–August 12, 2023
5-Week Bundle: July 9–August 12, 2023



RISD Continuing Education is excited to announce the return of the Summer Teen Art Institute in Shanghai, China. After a successful inaugural program in 2022, the institute will return in 2023 bigger and better than ever. The RISD Summer Teen Art Institute is a residential program hosted at the HD Shanghai Bilingual School. This is an exciting opportunity for students to immerse themselves into critical art and design practices. Students are given the chance to experience RISD's renowned approach to art and design education while further developing their skills, goals and artistic voice.

The 2023 institute will offer back-to-back art and design experiences for rising 10–12 grade students (and recent grade 12 graduates). Students will engage in a vibrant creative experience that will help them define strategies for portfolio development and next steps in their visual arts education. New students can enroll in the full five-week program, or can choose to only participate in the three-week foundation experience. Returning students can continue their experience by enrolling in the two-week major intensive.

In studio, coursework is project-based and experiential, and provides students the opportunity to be challenged in new ways of thinking, explore meaning in their work and give voice to their personal visual expression—key assets sought by art college portfolio reviewers. Emphasis in studio work is on exploration and inquiry through demonstrations and assignments, research and material investigations. Students will participate in critiques and receive verbal and written feedback on their work. Critique is crucial to creative process and advancement; it provides students with a visual language that can reinforce, challenge and change ideas. Throughout the program students will develop a series of visual studies—investigation through sketching and prototyping—that will inform their portfolio development.

Both experiences will include live Zoom meeting times with RISD faculty (18 hours per course), daily studio work facilitated by on-site RISD alumni instructors, enrichment and developmental opportunities, open work time for assignments and a final exhibition, and small group collaborations or personalized support from on-site tutors. Additional coursework and engagement will occur through Canvas, our learning management system. Each portion of the program will culminate in a final critique of the work where students will present to the class and receive feedback from faculty and classmates. The program will conclude with a final exhibition and a certificate of completion.



Applications will be open on February 1, 2023 and will require proof of English proficiency and student artwork samples.

Visit the program's website for more information and to apply.

