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### California College of the Arts Interior Design program awarded \$50,000 Angelo Donghia Foundation Grant

**The grant will support a five-year initiative to expand lighting design course offerings, providing a research-driven, interdisciplinary approach to lighting design at CCA**

**San Francisco, CA—Wednesday, December 2, 2020—**The California College of the Arts Interior Design program was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Angelo Donghia Foundation to support students through an expanded lighting design curriculum with a focus on research-driven, interdisciplinary courses.

The grant will be applied over five years through the introduction of coursework exploring future technologies; bioluminescence; lighting and the environment; and the effects of light on human health, circadian systems, disabilities, and aging. The grant will also support the creation of an on-campus mobile lighting lab, creating hands-on opportunities for students to collaborate across majors and experiment with light angles, intensity, color, and lighting controls.

Founded in 2001 in honor of the late, world-renowned American interior designer Angelo Donghia, the Angelo Donghia Foundation awards scholarships to deserving students who are entering their senior year of a baccalaureate degree program in interior design. In 2020, due to COVID-19, the foundation suspended the competition and used the funds to underwrite programs seeking to advance interior design education. Since its launch, the foundation has awarded more than \$15 million to student scholarships, educational initiatives, and other causes.

“We’re so grateful for the generous support of the Angelo Donghia Foundation,” says **Amy Campos**, chair of CCA’s Interior Design program. “Lighting is critical to all aspects of art and design, and this grant will allow us to provide CCA designers and artists the opportunity to engage more actively and deeply in the exploration of light.”

“We’re excited about the opportunities the Angelo Donghia Foundation Grant opens up for our Interior Design students to explore lighting design through a multidisciplinary curriculum and help establish CCA as a leader in lighting pedagogy,” says **Keith Krumwiede**, dean of Architecture.

CCA’s Interior Design program celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2020. The program is a four-year, NASAD-accredited professional BFA degree program

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founded on the idea that the design of interior spaces can transform organizations and change communities. Students are challenged to be creative and visionary and to design with social and environmental issues in mind. The interdisciplinary education integrates artistic, technological, and material approaches to the practice of interior design. The program is grounded in an understanding of the body in space, human scale, sustainable material practices, and perception. Interior Design at CCA prepares students to be innovative leaders in the area of spatial design to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

### **About California College of the Arts**

Founded in 1907, California College of the Arts (CCA) educates students to shape culture and society through the practice and critical study of art, architecture, design, and writing. Benefitting from its San Francisco Bay Area location, the college prepares students for lifelong creative work by cultivating innovation, community engagement, and social and environmental responsibility.

CCA offers a rich curriculum of 22 undergraduate and 11 graduate programs in art, design, architecture, and writing taught by a faculty of expert practitioners. Attracting promising students from across the nation and around the world, CCA is [one of the 10 most diverse colleges in the U.S.](#) This year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked CCA as one of the [top 10 graduate schools for fine arts in the country](#).

Graduates are highly sought-after by companies such as Pixar/Disney, Apple, Intel, Facebook, Gensler, Google, IDEO, Autodesk, Mattel, and Nike, and many have launched their own successful businesses. Alumni and faculty are often recognized with the highest honors in their fields, including Academy Awards, AIGA Medals, Fulbright Scholarships, Guggenheim Fellowships, MacArthur Fellowships, National Medal of Arts, and the Rome Prize, among others.

CCA is creating a new, expanded college campus at its current site in San Francisco, spearheaded by the architectural firm Studio Gang. The new campus design will be a model of [sustainable construction and practice](#); will unite the college's programs in art, crafts, design, architecture, and writing in one location to create new adjacencies and interactions; and will provide [more student housing](#) than ever before. For more information, visit [cca.edu](#).

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