This simple guide will help new admitted Master of Fine Arts students complete required steps before the start of classes. It's an overview, not an exhaustive list. Students are encouraged to communicate with the Graduate Admissions Counselor to ensure all requirements are completed. All students should pay close attention to email communications from the college for next steps and instructions. For more information about the items listed below, please go to: mcad.edu/admitted/mfa

Due immediately:
○ Activate your MCAD login (mcad.edu/admitted/mcad-login-activation)
○ Set up an authorized user (spouse/partner/parent) and complete FERPA release (optional, my.mcad.edu)
○ Submit FAFSA to apply for financial aid (studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)
○ Submit financial aid verification forms, if applicable

Due by May 1:
○ Submit housing application and pay housing deposit (if applicable, mcad.edu/admitted/housing)
○ Pay tuition deposit (Due May 1 or within two weeks of admittance thereafter, my.mcad.edu)
○ Activate your MCAD Gmail account

Due by June 1:
○ Activate Canvas to begin 10-week online MFA Orientation

Due by July 1:
○ Review financial aid, complete acceptance requirement, and submit any requested forms (myaid.mcad.edu)
○ Complete disclosure and enrollment form (my.mcad.edu)
○ Submit immunization record (my.mcad.edu)
○ Submit final transcripts
○ Complete loan applications requirements (check email)

Due in August:
○ Pay tuition bill (August 1)
○ Complete the online sexual assault prevention program (August 1, mcad.edu/prevention)
○ Online meeting with MFA Director first week of August (check email)
○ Choose MFA mentor before Orientation week (in consultation with MFA director)
○ Attend Move-In Day (if applicable)
○ Attend New Student Orientation (mcad.edu/admitted/orientation)
○ Studio move-in can begin as early as the second week of August (check email)

Optional items sent via email:
○ Set up access to food plan using the Chowit App (instructions on myMCAD under Student Life tab)
○ Add money to Art Cellar account (my.mcad.edu)
○ Purchase tuition insurance (mcad.edu/gradguard-tuition-protection)
○ Get to know Support Services (mcad.edu/student-life/support-services)

International students only:
○ Receive I-20
○ Apply for Visa
○ Sign up for MCAD health insurance, required for all degree-seeking international students (mcad.edu/admitted/required-health-insurance)
○ Check your email for next steps

Important: Please review all email messages from MCAD.
If you still have questions after doing so, contact your individual Admissions Counselor for assistance.
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