

MADE at Ohio State

Student Leadership Opportunity

Help build the festival. Not just participate in it.

Vision

MADE (Multidisciplinary Arts, Design & Expression) positions students not only as participants, but as producers, collaborators, and cultural leaders. Through this leadership committee, students will gain real-world experience designing a major interdisciplinary festival while developing transferable professional skills.

Why this matters now

At a time when students are seeking meaningful professional experience and opportunities to shape their own learning environments, MADE provides a rare chance to help design a major university initiative from the ground up. Students will not just participate in programming—they will help create the structures that support creativity, collaboration, and public engagement across Ohio State.

A selective and transparent opportunity

Leadership roles are selective because students will be entrusted with real responsibility in shaping a university-wide initiative. At the same time, the process is designed to be transparent, supportive, and accessible. Selection will be based on curiosity, collaborative spirit, reliability, and initiative—not just prior titles or arts experience. Students from all colleges are encouraged to apply.

Who should apply

Undergraduate and graduate students from any college interested in leadership, collaboration, planning, communications, logistics, or community engagement. Arts experience is not required.

Leadership areas

- Curatorial & Programming
- Production & Operations
- Communications & Media
- Equity, Access & Community
- Festival Administration

Professional development benefits

Students gain experience in leadership, project management, budgeting, marketing, teamwork, and professional communication while helping build a major university initiative. Some roles may include stipends, academic credit, or formal recognition.

Time commitment

Roles begin Spring 2026 and continue through Spring 2027, with weekly or bi-weekly meetings and increased activity closer to the festival.

How to Apply

Submit:

- A short statement of interest (300–400 words)
- A résumé
- Names of 1–2 references (faculty, staff, supervisors, or mentors who can speak to your reliability, initiative, or collaboration. No letters required unless requested.)

About the Statement of Interest (300–400 words)

Please tell us why you are interested in helping plan MADE at Ohio State and what you hope to contribute to the student leadership team. You might reflect on what excites you about a student-driven arts festival, experiences you've had working with others, skills you hope to develop, or what you hope MADE could become for students across the university.

You do not need extensive experience to apply, and you do not need to address every possible area. We are most interested in students who are curious, collaborative, dependable, and interested in helping build something meaningful.

MADE supports many kinds of creative work—from commercially oriented projects to experimental and interdisciplinary work. Student leaders help create an environment where different approaches can coexist and where students can grow as creative thinkers and leaders.

Please write in your own voice. We are not expecting formal or academic writing—just a thoughtful reflection on your interest and potential contribution.

If you want to help build the structure that makes creative opportunity possible at Ohio State—this is your moment.