**DRAFT STUDENT INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:**

***Note to institutional representatives:***

*Please feel free to amend the wording and/or add to this message in your own voice while maintaining the original instruction and information. Thank you.*

Dear Students:

The National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) is conducting a multi-year, comprehensive review of its accreditation standards. Your assistance is requested and would be appreciated. The NASAD standards have a broad impact on art and design in higher education; therefore, we are interested in developing the best possible standards. To learn more about NASAD, please visit <https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/>. To learn more about participating in the standards review process, please review the information found at the following address: <https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions-comments/>.

At this time, NASAD is seeking comment regarding standards pertaining to institutions of higher education for which NASAD is the designated institutional accreditor (see NASAD *Handbook 2018-19*, Standards for Accreditation XXI.) and proprietary institutions of higher education (see NASAD *Handbook 2018-19*, Standards for Accreditation XXII.) and would welcome any comments pertaining to the standards individually or as a whole. Your comments will be used to inform current and future *Handbook* reviews and will be held in confidence by name.

The deadline for comment is November 18, 2019. NASAD asks that you give special attention to the five major comment areas outlined and explained in the web resource [Reviewing and Commenting on NASAD Standards](https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions/reviewing-commenting/). For your convenience, NASAD has provided a set of [Frequently Asked Questions](https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions/faqs/) and a [**Response Form**](https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/AD-Comprehensive-Standards-Review-2019-Response-Form-Final-08-23-2019.pdf). Please refer to all three documents and use the Response Formto submit your comment*.* Response Forms may be sent directly to [Jenny Kuhlmann](mailto:jkuhlmann@arts-accredit.org), NASAD Data and Records Associate.

The NASAD comprehensive review process has been ongoing for several years. Current information is available at <https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions-comments/comprehensive-standards-reviews/>. Please feel free to participate throughout the entire process. This review process is open to all interested parties. Please feel free to forward this information.

Should questions arise at any time regarding this process or the standards themselves, please feel free to [contact the National Office.](https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/contact/)

Thank you for your time and consideration.