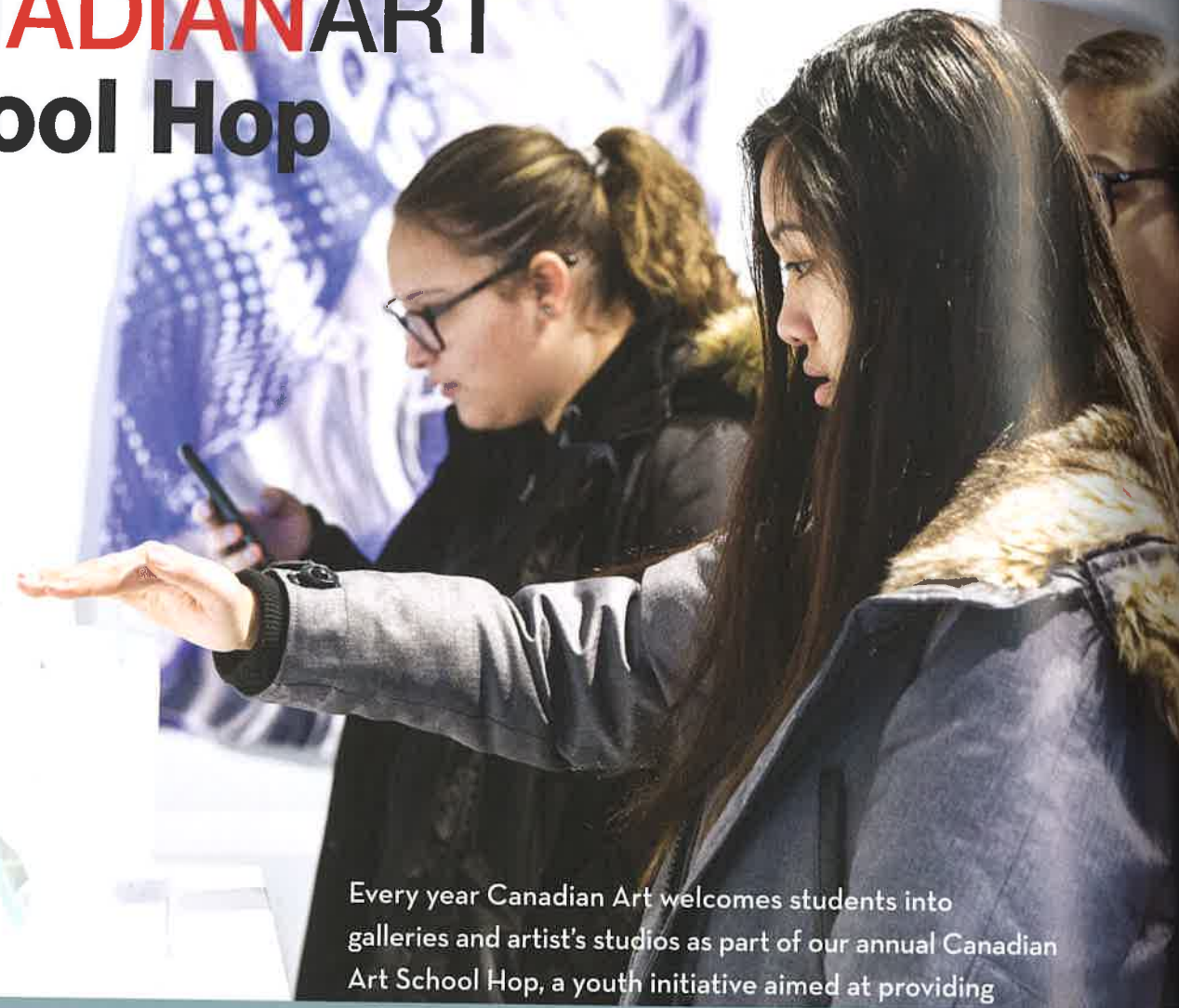


CANADIANART School Hop



Every year Canadian Art welcomes students into galleries and artist's studios as part of our annual Canadian Art School Hop, a youth initiative aimed at providing education and outreach to secondary-school students in Toronto. In the face of reduced funding for extracurricular activities and a diminished focus on art education in public schools, this free half-day program offers a unique opportunity for a younger generation to participate in their city's cultural landscape.

Carl Bluemel, David Renditions II and International Brand Expansion (Glasgow), Space Cultural Centre, 2015. PHOTO: CONNIE TSANG

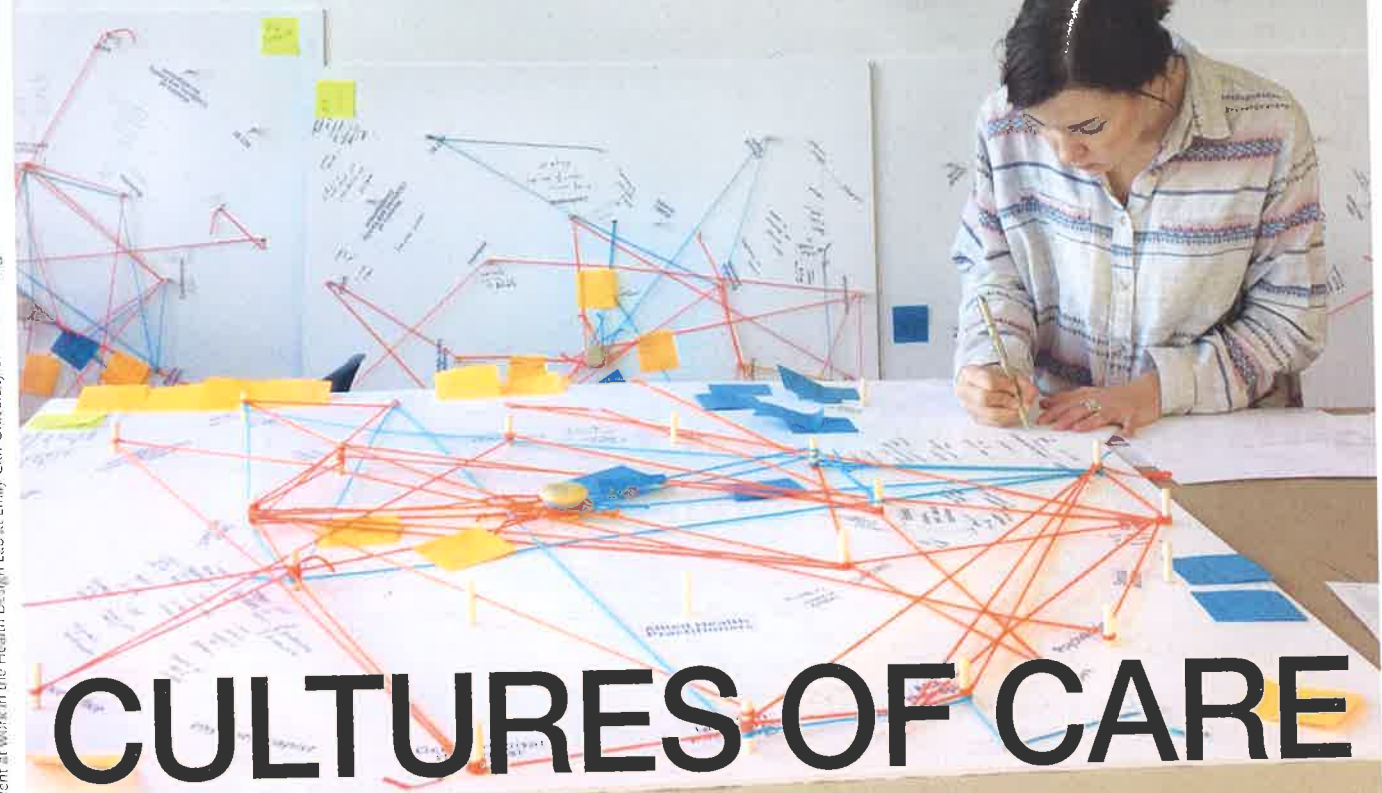
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Student at work in the Health Design Lab at Emily Carr University of Art and Design

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Art and Health Research

Education these days has an interdisciplinary edge

Visual arts offer an insightful perspective into the field of medicine. While the medical discipline has traditionally been very rigid, alternative points of access to understanding wellness are fostered through creative research—which in turn contributes to nuanced relationships in patient care.



EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY OF ART AND DESIGN, Vancouver Health Design Lab

"The Health Design Lab employs human-centred, participatory design research methods to improve the health and well-being of our community," says its director Caylee Raber. Design faculty and students work with industry and community partners, like the BC Children's Hospital and Vancouver Coastal Health, so they can "identify areas [they] can address and improve through design within healthcare contexts," says Raber. "The program shows both students and our partners where there are professional opportunities for working in health, and I think a lot of times the students learn about their own health and wellness through working on these projects."

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, Edmonton Immune Nations

Immune Nations brought together artists, academics, policy experts and healthcare professionals to think about how vaccines are used and distributed. "In my work on Immune Nations, as well as in other related interdisciplinary projects, I have tried to link research and teaching activities in a way that allows students to explore philosophical and ethical questions coming out of the health sciences through art," explains professor and project lead Sean Caulfield.

UNIQUE INITIATIVE

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA Faculty of Medicine Artist-in-Residence Program

"Medicine tends to say science is the only important piece and yet we know that the arts and the humanities have really important other perspectives," says Dr. Pippa Hall, lead on the Faculty of Medicine's AIR Program. "Technology is becoming much more prominent in medicine and the compassion component—the human-to-human connection—can be lost. The arts, all of the arts, all of the humanities in a sense, have a lot to contribute. And so we started our artist-in-residence program in the Faculty of Medicine. The hope is to work with our medical students to find ways to help them feel grounded, to feel connected to themselves and to value the things in their lives that are connected to the arts," Dr. Hall explains.

1 Patrick Mahon's *Design for a Dissemination Station* (2017) in the Vaccine Project's "Immune Nations."
2 Jude Griebel's *Obstructed* (2016) in See Me Hear Me Heal Me's exhibition "FLUX" at dc3 Art Projects.



ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN, Calgary See Me Hear Me Heal Me

For this project, artists and researchers met regularly with different patients, family members and medical professionals over the course of a year, focusing on patients recovering from head and neck cancer. "There's a gap in understanding patient experience," says ACAD instructor Heather Huston, an artist-researcher with the project. By considering illness and recovery through a non-medical lens, artists "were doing the major work of taking in these experiences and thinking about how to translate what they meant," explains Huston. This project culminated in the exhibition "FLUX" at dc3 Art Projects, and a forthcoming publication.