

## **CO-OP & CAREER GUIDES**

# **PRODUCT DESIGN**

The Product Design program prepares students to become designers through extensive learning in hands-on studio settings to further skill development and design thinking. Drexel's BS in Product Design specializes in a multidisciplinary design approach focused on product development and commercialization. It also encourages collaboration in green design, sustainability and innovation in product development, facilitating and combining the fields of art, business, engineering and technology. Product designers work in a wide range of industries including consumer electronics, housewares and furniture, fashion accessories, medical devices, toys, automotive and transportation.

#### Employers Who Have Hired Drexel Students Include:

Comcast ECCO Honeywell Inc. Martha Stewart Living LaFrance Shift Space Design

More than ever, the world needs people who can bring meaningful ideas to life. With a curriculum that encourages experimentation, making and learning, the Product Design program believes that a design education is the process of discovery. This education activates experiential learning and empowers the mind to make new connections, synthesize new meanings and create novel solutions to difficult problems. The Product Design program lets students discover and follow your passions while offering a first-rate education that includes the co-op experience. Students are encouraged to pursue their own design passions and to make a difference in the world.

Prior to co-op, students are encouraged to follow their industry, taking note of companies, leaders, and work that inspires them. Co-op positions for this major run along a very broad spectrum from 2D digital user experience design, to 3D consumer product design, to 3D consultancy-based design, to industrial design. Start thinking about what kind of work most motivates you, find some companies doing that work, and follow them.

Students wanting specific information about the major are encouraged to stop by the department office in the URBN Center, 3501 Market Street, or visit their website at drexel.edu/westphal/academics.

#### JOB TITLES

Research/ Development Engineer Design Engineer Mechanical Design Engineer Product Design Engineer Product Developer Solutions Engineer Systems Designer Interface Designer

Please refer to drexel.edu/scdc for our most recent co-op salary information.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & INTERNET RESOURCES**

Industrial Designers Society of America idsa.org

American Society of Interior Designers asid.org

Product Development and Management Associaton pdma.org

Association of Professional Design Firms apdf.org Association of Professional Model Makers modelmakers.org

Association of Women Industrial Designers awidweb.com

Corporate Design Foundation cdf.org

Design Management Institute dmi.org

### **CAREER RESOURCES**

Resume, Interviewing and Job Search Best Practices drexel.edu/scdc/professional-pointers

Workshop Calendar drexel.edu/scdc/calendars-events/workshops

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