

## Fast Retailing Foundation

### Global Graduate Fashion Scholarship Application Guideline

#### **What does the Fast Retailing Foundation Look for in Applicants**

The Fast Retailing Foundation (FRF) is looking for students, who have the passion to make the world a better place, and the commitment to make innovative and positive changes to society through the power of design.

The fashion system as we have known it since the rise of the *grands couturiers* and their *maison de couture* is no longer relevant and has evolved to meet the priorities and lives of people today. The fashion system, as well as the entire industry, has changed and to work and grow in this space requires both a new skill set and a new mindset.

We believe that the fashion system represents the society and culture of the time. We also believe that the fashion system is a creator of society and culture. The fashion system has the power to design society and culture, and eventually, impact everyone's life for the better.

Considering this, the FRF is looking for students who can navigate, thrive and help redefine the fashion industry by looking beyond tradition and themselves with their own vision of what this future can be.

We are not looking for pure fashion designers, but we are looking for students who are able to bring and re-mix their experiences, their skills and dreams with innovation, technology, craft and empathy to create a vision with a goal to change the world for the better through what they design. At the same time, we look for students who not only talk the talk, but also whose work reflects this vision, even if it is not fully realized or perfectly polished.

This is a rare find and we realize this. But this is a rare opportunity and we do not wish to compromise.

## Requirements

- 1) Students who have been accepted and are committed to attending one of the designated master's programs at FIT, Parsons School of Design, RISD and RCA from September 2022.
- 2) Students who have a clear vision to make a positive, innovative difference to society by using the power of design (eg. Industrial/tech/society × design etc)

The FRF will not limit the students' departments or courses to "fashion-related" ones, as long as the program focus on making a difference, bringing innovation to society through the power of 'design' (eg. industrial/tech/society × design etc.), the program will be considered acceptable. Please also note that, the FRF is not looking for any candidates who aim to improve their skills as art creators, nor pure fashion designers.

<Target Graduate Schools>

UK : Royal College of Art

US : Fashion Institute of Technology, Parsons School of Design, Rhode Island School of Design

## Scholarship Benefits

The benefit will be provided up to the maximum amount for the following costs over the course period (up to 2 years) set by the target graduate school.

After the selection of successful candidates, the foundation will confirm with the graduate school and decide the amount to be paid.

<Maximum amount of the benefits>

UK GBP66,000 / US USD132,000

The scholarship covers amount of all three fees which are required by the schools

- 1) Tuition
- 2) Health Insurance
- 3) Mandatory Fees for enrollment

<Benefit period>

The period until graduation from the target graduate schools. (2 years maximum)

## **Application Documents**

- Cover Letter
- Resume / CV
- Application Form

Note: Please write to FR Foundation ([FRG-foundation-entry@fastretailing.com](mailto:FRG-foundation-entry@fastretailing.com)) to have the application format

- Creative Presentation
    - Mandatory submission: Anything that demonstrates creative achievements of the applicants submitted in a printable format (eg. Design Portfolio, Presentation Deck)
    - Optional submission: Submissions in other media (video essay, etc) that demonstrates creative achievements are welcome.
- \* PLEASE NOTE that the time allotted for evaluation of the applicants' creative presentation will be limited to 15 minutes. All materials that cannot be evaluated within that time frame will not be considered.

Please note that the applicant will be required to attest to the accuracy and authenticity of all information and documents submitted to the FRF.

## **Selection Schedule**

### **Feb 25: Application Deadline**

Please submit all the Application Documents to the FRF.

Submit to: [FRG-foundation-entry@fastretailing.com](mailto:FRG-foundation-entry@fastretailing.com)

\*If you are waiting for the result of the schools, please inform the selection status to the FRF.

### **Beginning of Mar: Documents Selection**

The FRF will inform the results of documents selection to all applicants by middle of March.

The applicants who has selected will proceed to the final selection interview.

### **April 13: The Final Selection**

Online interview, connecting FRF in Tokyo and candidates will be held.

\*Schedule is subject to change