

EDUCATION

UKFT announces new Made It partners

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UKFT is offering internships to fashion students. Image credit: UKFT

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The U.K. Fashion & Textile Association has announced its latest iteration of its educational initiative in support of the apparels industry.

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UKFT's "Made It" program aims to enrich the production and sourcing knowledge of fashion and textile graduates and to illustrate the career opportunities available throughout the supply chain in the U.K. The 2020-2021 program is launching with five universities.

"We are delighted to be able to offer these opportunities to fashion and textile students across the U.K.," said Adam Mansell, CEO of UKFT, in a statement. "Graduates with a strong understanding of the production side of the industry are highly valued.

"The chance to work within some of the U.K.'s brilliant mills and manufacturers is invaluable," he said.

Making it

This year's participating universities include Plymouth College of Art, Winchester School of Art, De Montfort University, University of Salford and Bucks New University.

The program includes a production and sourcing masterclass, a production internship and quality internship material.

Five students, one from each participating institution, will be offered a fully financially-supported internship opportunity within a fashion or textile production environment in the U.K.

The material component will result in publicly-available collateral for both students and employers to set standards for the quality and expectations of industry internships.

Trade associations and luxury brands often offer scholarships and internships to fashion students.

In June, Italian fashion label Gucci announced the inaugural 2020 class of Gucci North America Changemakers Scholars as part of its \$1.5 million scholarship program to help financially strapped undergraduates pursue a career in fashion.

The 20 recipients hail from diverse backgrounds, aiming for varying careers within fashion at undergraduate colleges and universities. Each recipient gets an academic scholarship for up to \$20,000 as well as mentorship and virtual internship chances at Gucci America ([see story](#)).

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