

Policy on Student Competitions

RISD will not promote a competition unless the sponsoring organization/company has verified that the following apply:

The call for entry must clearly state all the rules governing contest entries, deadlines, policies regarding return of artwork, any and all fees for entry, and the criteria for judging.

The call must also state what is expected of winner (s) with regard to transfer of ownership rights. If rights are to be transferred, for any amount of time, winners must be compensated at fair market value or by other compensation mutually agreed to before the transfer. Entrants other than prize winners will not be required to transfer any rights for any period of time. If any work for which rights have not been transferred is to be displayed on the web, contest sponsors will provide watermarking protection.

Contests should avoid, until the final stage, the creation of work “on speculation.” Tearsheets, photographs or digital representation of existing work should be requested in order to judge the appropriateness of entries. High resolution digital work should not be required in initial rounds, but only after finalists have been chosen.