

The Prosthetics Invitational FAQ

Important Dates:

- Application Deadline: July 16th, 2023
 - Applications (and cover letter, resume, photos) are submitted to Kailyn (forms@mud.edu)
- Participant Notification: July 21st, 2023
 - Selected Participants are notified via email
- Prosthetics Distribution and Team Placement Day: Saturday August 19th, 2023
 - 12:00 NOON for approximately 2 hours.
 - This is the day that Participants come to MUD to receive their prosthetics and are informed of who their partner is.
- Prosthetics Invitational: Saturday August 26th, 2023
 - ALL DAY EVENT from 8:00am - 4:00pm
 - The selected Participants come to MUD for a full day to both apply their make-ups and have them photographed.

Where does the Prosthetics Invitational take place?

- The Prosthetics Invitational is held at Make-Up Designory Burbank at 129 S San Fernando Blvd, Burbank, CA 91502. Both the Prosthetics Distribution Day and the Prosthetics Invitational event will be held at this location.

What time commitments will I need to make to participate in the Prosthetics Invitational?

- You must be available to attend the Prosthetic Distribution Day (August 19th, 2023) and the Prosthetics Invitational Event (August 26th, 2023) to participate in this event. The Prosthetic Distribution Day is at 12:00 Noon for approximately 2 hours. The Prosthetic Invitational is a full-day event from 8:00am - 4:00pm

What should I include in my cover letter?

- The cover letter is an extremely important aspect of your application, as we use it when determining your team placements. Please consider this cover letter your time to give us a sense of who you are as a person, an artist, and what type of make-up looks you are interested in. The Prosthetics Invitational is open to all MUD grads, so it is not necessary to list all of the foundational skills you learned in the MUD curriculum. However, if you have more advanced skills that you would like us to be aware of, please let us know here. For example, if you have experience in wig styling, hair punching, or anything that goes beyond the MUD core curriculum. Please do not phone in your cover letter, this is your opportunity to help us get to know you!

What images should I include for my portfolio?

- We would like you to select 3-10 images that represent what you consider your best work. Please don't just include a link to your website, as we would really like to have the ability to show us the specific images that best represent you as an artist. While the Prosthetics Invitational is an event focused on prosthetics, you are also free to include beauty make-up images as well. If you have a strong interest in the Prosthetic+Beauty Hybrid make-up category, it is highly encouraged that you include some examples of beauty make-up.

Portfolio images can be attached to your Application email, along with your cover letter and your application form.

If I have already participated in a previous Prosthetics Invitational, can I apply again?

- You can absolutely apply to the Prosthetics Invitational again! Just keep in mind that a certain degree of preference will be given to new applicants who have not participated before.

What do I need to bring/provide for the Prosthetics Invitational?

- As a participant in the Prosthetics Invitational, you will be provided with prosthetics, models, studio space, and professional photographers to create and document your prosthetic make-up looks. You are responsible for bringing all kit-related materials necessary to complete your make-up. This includes paints + make-up, adhesives, disposables, wigs + hair work, bald caps, wardrobe, removal materials, etc - whatever is necessary and appropriate to complete your specific make-up design. You are also responsible for feeding yourself and your model throughout the day.

Can I pick my own prosthetics?

- All of the prosthetic make-up looks are selected and assigned to each team by the event organizers. This is very similar to a professional film set, where you are asked to execute a specific make-up look by your department head. In your application form, you are able to list your preferences for what type of make-up you would ideally like to do. For example, you can select a Monstrous Creature make-up as your first choice and a Beauty+Prosthetic Hybrid make-up as your second choice, etc etc. Your preferences are taken into consideration when pairing you with your teammate, model, and the set of prosthetics you will receive. Once you receive your prosthetics, you and your teammate have 100% creative control over how you choose to apply, design, paint and dress your character.

Can I select or request my own teammate?

- Unfortunately, no. The Prosthetics Invitational is intended in part as a networking event and we ideally want to pair participants with people they have not worked with before. While it may seem intimidating to work with a new person, this is something that is often asked of make-up artists on set. The intention is that you will leave the event having met and worked with a new person with complimentary skills and interests and will have expanded your professional network.

Can I provide my own model?

- Experienced models are provided in participation with Mind's Eye Tribe, a professional creature-acting and motion capture school in Los Angeles. All models are paired with a set of prosthetics that is appropriate for their build and look.

How should I care for my model throughout the day?

- Your models are dedicating their time and bodies for your make-up looks free of charge and in return we request that you make sure they are well taken care of throughout the day. This includes providing water and food to keep them hydrated and energized over the course of the make-up application and photoshoot. You also need to treat your models with respect and courtesy, keep them safe throughout the day, and fully remove their make-up once the photoshoot is finished. You will receive your model assignment on the Prosthetics

Distribution Day (one week prior to the event) and will be able to discuss their dietary needs and comfort levels prior to the actual Prosthetics Invitational.

Do I need to provide a costume for my character?

- The goal of the Prosthetics Invitational is for each team to create a full, complete prosthetic character make-up. While it is not necessary to have an incredibly elaborate, expensive costume, each team is highly encouraged to have a costume that compliments and enhances their character design. This will also allow the photographers to shoot a greater variety of images for your look. Participants will have access to MUD's wardrobe closet and the entire week ahead of the Prosthetics Invitational to work on supplementary elements of their character designs, including wardrobe and costume pieces.