Our Mission

To support integrative arts opportunities, community partnerships, and interdisciplinary collaboration for faculty, staff, and students in the College of Visual and Performing Arts

Our Core Goal

To create opportunities for collaboration, inspire new connections, and ensure the arts have a meaningful impact both within and beyond the university.

the ARTS at JMU

OCP Office of Creative Propulsion

CVPA Faculty & Students

Integrative Arts Fellowship

Providing interdisciplinary project support and a small cohort experience to help bring innovative, integrative arts projects to life.

4 faculty & 1 student recipient since 2025

Sparks Symposium

Annual Celebration of Arts and Design Research across CVPA Students, Faculty, and Staff

22 presenters and 50+ posters since 2024

Integrative Courses

Founded new IART prefix; Support interdisciplinary course collaborations taught by members of the Integrative Arts Faculty Cohort

New Prefix Created: IART 4 courses taught and 3+ in development since 2024-25

JMU Community

Integrative Arts Project Support

Project-based support for JMU students and faculty working across disciplines, communities, and creative practices

4 faculty & 1 student recipient during 2025-26

Imagining America Open Forums

Building from JMU's institutional membership of the Imagining America national network, a professional learning community centered in the arts and design

7 forums during 2025-26

Centering the Arts Podcast

Examines the lives, inspiration, and collaborative creative works that fuel art-makers, performers, designers, and arts scholars.

26 episodes produced and 4 student producers since 2022

Local Community

ArtsMobile

A mobile arts site that makes arts and design workshops, performances, and exhibitions available in nontraditional spaces.

6 engagements since 2024 engaging 100+ community members and students

Arts Impact Panels

Conversation around the arts and design and their impacts. Topics included "Art and Community" and "The Arts as Social Practice"

2 discussions & 7 panelists since 2024

First Fridays of the Valley

2025: JMU Collaboratory at the Harrisonburg Innovation Hub
2026: 2nd venue added: The Arts at 131

400+ visitors, 44 artists' work in since 2025