

We, the RISD Faculty,

a community of artists, designers, scholars, and teachers,
explicitly believe in the freedom of expression.

We believe in the essential right of individuals to create, inquire, and discover. We honor knowledge, culture, and diversity of ideas and expressions in the arts, sciences, and humanities as vital to a free and humane global society.

We condemn government actions that denigrate, exploit, and exclude individuals and groups

based on their age, gender, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, physical abilities, socio-economic status, nationality, or country of origin. We believe that a culture of bigotry and hate is a threat to the safety and well-being of our students and that these destructive acts not only diminish us as a creative community but also as a nation.

We oppose and reject government actions that disregard time-honored standards of ethics, equity, and transparency—as well as verified findings in the fields of math and science—suppressing and withholding resources from valid, objective, and vital research and recklessly endangering the well-being of our planet and its varied species.

We promote the principle of academic freedom

and sustain a respectful, welcoming, and safe environment for the open exchange and consideration of limitless ideas and viewpoints.

We unequivocally declare that the arts and humanities are vital to a functioning democracy

and deplore government efforts to eliminate funding for arts and humanities organizations, programs, and arts education in our public schools.

As global citizens and stewards of our world's cultural and natural resources,

the RISD Faculty promote the ideals of diversity, equality and sustainability and the advancement and protection of human rights. We underscore the importance of non-violent dissent, protest and civil disobedience as legitimate means of political expression.



We are committed

to making positive and enduring contributions through art and design
towards creating a better and just society for all.

The RISD Faculty educate our students, the greater public, and ourselves according to these values.