The MFA programs in **Costume Design, Lighting Design, and Scenic Design & Technology** at UMass Amherst are dynamic, hands-on graduate programs that teach students how to collaborate successfully with fellow theater-makers within a production season that serves as a teaching laboratory.
Extensive Production Experience

Professional Assisting Opportunities

All graduate students receive full tuition waivers, health benefits, and paid assistantships during their three academic years.
Practical Training:

Through production assignments and assistantships, students are integrally involved in our mainstage season, in roles that range from designer to technician. As they hone their design skills, they also learn building skills, project management, and technical design. Over three years, students typically will be involved in twelve productions and have at least three mainstage production designs in their portfolio.
Professional Connections:

Students enjoy opportunities to assist faculty as part of their training. Recent professional opportunities include assistantships and internships at Baltimore Center Stage, Miami City Ballet, New Repertory Theatre, Seattle Children’s Theater, Shakespeare & Company, Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey, Syracuse Stage, Triad Stage, and Trinity Repertory Company. UMass Theater enjoys close relationships with Hartford Stage, Double Edge Theatre, and Shakespeare & Company.
The Department of Theater at UMass Amherst provides access and opportunities for all people, while demonstrating our commitment to inclusion of groups that have been historically underrepresented in theater and the academy. We believe that our students, faculty, and staff should reflect the diverse world in which we live.

The MFA program welcomes international students and students from nontraditional backgrounds. Our MFA program has welcomed talents from China, England, France, India, Iran, and Mexico.
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