

Fast Forward Collective

90-Day Creative Careers

Peer Support and Accountability Pilot

Note: this is only an initial framework and the initial peer group members, graduates and families, will shape the exact curriculum as we explore this pilot program together.

Program Goals

- Remove the sense of isolation, anxiety, and fear in the career search process using a facilitated and supported peer group approach
- Clarify each participant's desired creative career direction.
- Coaching to strengthen confidence, communication, self-promotion, networking
- Build daily rhythms for creative practice consistency and business side discipline.
- Develop or refine professional portfolios to serve the career goals.
- Complete a personalized 90-day Career Rhythm & Launch Plan.

Program Overview

This 90-day pilot will help creative graduates build the structure, habits, and confidence to move from talent to livelihood through a small, coached peer accountability group.

Each cohort is guided by a facilitator or and supported by families who participate through a parallel parent track. Together, these groups will form a connected ecosystem of support, one that helps graduates launch confidently into their creative careers with structure, momentum, peer support, and community.

For the graduates in the peer group, each week blends:

Creative Practice: Daily sketch-together sessions (using Magma or similar platforms) to strengthen consistency, technique, and peer collaboration.

Professional Development: Weekly Zoom workshops that build practical career skills from portfolio strategy to networking, pricing, and industry readiness.

Accountability & Reflection: Ongoing peer and family check-ins that create structure and mutual encouragement.

For the parents of members of the peer group, this journey helps to:

- Understand creative career pathways and how to support them
- Learn best practices for balancing encouragement and accountability.
- Build community with other families navigating similar transitions.

Parents play an intentional role through monthly group sessions designed to help them support their graduate.

Enrichment and Expansion Opportunities

After validation through the initial pilot group, there is the potential for the program to spread to additional cohorts of small peer groups and create a community of peers that could provide deeper and lasting support to the participants. For example, potentially the collection of peer accountability groups would allow for enough recognition so that additional elements could be organized, such as:

- Portfolio Reviews & Industry Sessions — Noteworthy artists, creative directors, and recruiters from leading studios and publishing houses will host live portfolio reviews, Q&A sessions, and guest workshops.
- Studio & Recruiter Engagement — Partnerships with creative studios, game developers, and animation companies will provide informational sessions or career showcases.
- Leveraging Parent & Alumni Networks — Parents and families are encouraged to use professional and alumni networks (including SCAD, Ringling, RISD, etc.) to identify informational interviews and internships.
- Peer Network Continuity — After the initial 90 days, graduates continue as a self-sustaining professional peer group, forming the Fast Forward Network for ongoing support.
- Cross-Cohort Collaboration — As multiple groups launch, they can unite for shared events such as industry panels, group showcases, and collaborative challenges.

We believe creative dreams are meant to be shared.

This Fast Forward Collective peer group connects recent graduates with a circle of peers and mentors who grow, create, and build careers together and support one another long after the first job offer.

The goal is for *participants to see this initial 90-day pilot not as an ending, but as the foundation for a lifelong creative network that grows with time.*

Program Structure

Cadence	Activity	Purpose
Weekly (90 min)	Graduate Peer Group Zoom Workshop + Discussion	Learn, share progress, set weekly focus
Daily	Magma Sketch Together Sessions (60–90 min)	Build creative discipline and peer connection
Weekly	Assignments / Reflection	Apply learning and track progress
Monthly	Parent Check-in Zoom	Align family accountability and support
Ongoing	Discord / Community Forum	Share wins, resources, and support

Program Deliverables

- Updated professional portfolio (minimum 5 polished pieces)
- Refreshed online presence (ArtStation, LinkedIn, or Instagram)
- Completed 90-Day Career Launch Plan
- Established daily creative rhythm and consistency
- Participation in progress showcase and community reflection