The Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts at Florida Tech connects people to the communicative power of textiles through the preservation of our global collection and the presentation of engaging exhibitions and programs.
VALUES
INTRODUCTION
The Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts supports the mission of Florida Tech in providing a high-quality education to diverse constituencies. As the center for creativity, inquiry, and engagement, our values reflect a commitment to presenting exhibitions, programs, and scholarship to a global campus, local community, and future textile enthusiasts.
CULTURAL EXCHANGE

As an academic museum, the Center’s exhibitions, programs, and thoughtful installations are designed to foster inclusive dialogue amongst an intergenerational community of Florida Tech faculty, staff, students, and the general public. This dynamic builds a bridge that connects individuals to each other, to art, and to the Center.
EDUCATION
The role of the Center and its global collection is educational - creating appealing exhibitions and programs that offer unique opportunities for experiential learning and discovery in a non-traditional environment.
EMPATHY

As a familiar yet dynamic medium, textiles reflect distinctive connections we share and express within society. With a strong focus on exhibition design and consideration for the visitor experience, the Center highlights visual stories meant to question divisions and reflect the shared experiences of humanity.
ENGAGEMENT

The Center ensures that exhibitions and programs are augmented by fun, thoughtful, and interactive components. These immersive experiences are key to the Center’s goal of accessibility - designing art for all.
COLLABORATION
Meaningful partnerships with campus organizations and departments, local schools, national organizations, museums, and artists from around the world enhance the Center’s mission and strengthen Florida Tech’s brand awareness.
PROFESSIONALISM
Striving for excellence in all that we do, the Center is committed to demonstrating prudent stewardship of its collections, staff, and university resources. Ongoing professional development is focused on the education of staff and community.
PROGRESSION

As one of the world’s oldest technologies, textiles reflect hands-on experimentation and design-based problem-solving. In keeping with this platform, the Center is committed to a spirit of innovation and change that questions traditional museum models and promotes forward-thinking discourse and display.
The Center serves as an essential and integrated force that energizes the creative and intellectual fabric of Florida Tech. Increasing the university’s brand recognition and awareness, the Center will be distinguished as a regional authority for the care and display of global textiles and celebrated as a top destination for art and culture on the Space Coast.