

LIGNES DE FUITE

Fashion Design Mentoring Program Agreement

1. Program Overview

The LIGNES DE FUITE Fashion Design Mentoring Program is a one-year initiative designed to support and empower emerging fashion designers. The program is valued at **\$9,000 per participant**, but thanks to the support of LDF and educational partners, participants contribute only a fraction of this cost. It is structured into three modules of approximately 14 weeks each, with regular meetings typically held on Sundays. Each module concludes with a public-facing moment, giving participants opportunities to gain visibility, professional experience, and industry connections.

1.1 Module Structure

Module 1: Concept Development (Fall)

Led by Raphaël Viens

Culminates in: a design research presentation or exhibit.

Module 2: Prototyping & Presentation (Winter/Spring)

Led by Barbora Šanáková

Culminates in: a public runway presentation, such as ON SHOW.

Module 3: Commercialization & Production (Summer)

Led by Wen Hanzhang

Culminates in: a retail-oriented showcase or sales event, such as SUPPLY.

2. Program Leadership

- Milan Tanedjikov — Founder of LDF, program director, present throughout the year
- Raphaël Viens — Module 1 leader
- Barbora Šanáková — Module 2 leader
- Wen Hanzhang — Module 3 leader
- Guest Leaders & Collaborators — May contribute to workshops, critiques, or juries depending on availability

3. Mentorship & Guests

Mentors, alumni, and invited professionals may participate in critiques, workshops, or juries. Their involvement varies depending on scheduling and program needs.

4. Program Schedule

- Start Date: September 21, 2025
- Sessions: Generally Sundays, 1 PM – 6 PM (subject to change)
- Location: LIGNES DE FUITE Studio — 4710 Saint-Ambroise St, Atelier 328
- Atelier Access: Participants may access shared studio facilities when available and by arrangement.

5. Facilities & Resources

Participants will have access to shared facilities, which may include pattern tables, industrial sewing machines, knitting machine, drafting mannequins, pressing equipment, pattern printer/plotter, photo equipment, lighting, and possible access to partner facilities (e.g., printing, dyeing).

6. Program Cost

The full program cost is **\$9,000 CAD per participant, per year**. Through the support of LDF and educational partners, a significant portion is subsidized. Participants contribute only **\$225 CAD per month (plus taxes)**, beginning August 29, 2025, for the duration of the program.

Participants are responsible for personal fabrics, design materials, and supplies, as well as any optional field trips or extracurricular activities.

Early Withdrawal: If a participant chooses to leave early, their monthly payments simply stop at the moment of withdrawal. There is no obligation to pay for the remaining months beyond their actual participation.

7. Participation & Expectations

Participants are expected to attend scheduled sessions and critiques, complete assigned projects, contribute to discussions, and work toward professional standards of practice. Consistent attendance is important. Participants who miss more than three sessions in a module without prior notice may be asked to step back from the program.

8. Assessment & Feedback

Feedback is provided through critiques, peer reviews, and occasional one-on-one sessions. Advancement from one module to the next may depend on evaluations by mentors or guest industry professionals.

9. Exit Strategy

This program is designed to be flexible and supportive.

- Voluntary Withdrawal: Participants may withdraw at any time by informing LDF in writing. Paid fees are non-refundable, but no future payments are required.
- Program Withdrawal: LDF may also end a participant's involvement if it becomes clear that

attendance, participation, or conduct no longer aligns with program expectations.

- **Mutual Understanding:** Both participants and LDF agree that the program should benefit everyone involved. Either side may decide to discontinue the relationship if it no longer serves its purpose, with goodwill and respect.

10. Confidentiality & Intellectual Property

All creative work remains the property of the participant. By participating, mentees agree that events and outcomes may be documented (photography, video, etc.) and used by LDF for promotional purposes.

11. Networking & Post-Program

LDF may provide networking opportunities, professional exposure, and invitations to future activities, events, or collaborations. Alumni may remain connected through the LDF network.

This agreement is intended to provide clarity and structure while remaining flexible. It is not a legally binding contract but a mutual understanding between LDF and participants.