



# Teacher-Initiated Project (TIP) Guidelines

## DESCRIPTION

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Arts Education Teacher-Initiated Project Awards provide opportunities for teachers or administrators to gain knowledge and skills in an artistic discipline of their choice. The applicant selects an artist who provides one-on-one instruction in visual art, music, theatre, dance, storytelling, media arts, folk arts or creative writing.

## FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

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### Who Can Apply?

Individual Educators Employed in Schools

### Limitations/Restrictions

- All funds go directly to the artist's salary (\$500).
- Priority is given to those with no or limited training in an artistic discipline. This is designed to allow teachers to explore the artist within.
- Requested artists MUST be approved for artistic and educational merit and listed on the Utah Division of Arts & Museums Teaching Artist Roster. International and national artists of artistic and educational acclaim currently not posted on the Roster may be approved for artistic and educational excellence before submitting the application or you must submit evidence of their artistic and teaching excellence with your application. For information on how artists apply for the Teaching Artist Roster visit [artsandmuseums.utah.gov](http://artsandmuseums.utah.gov).

### Utah Arts & Museums Award Policies

- Incomplete applications will not be considered for review.
- TIP awards are contingent upon availability of funds.
- An educator may only be awarded one TIP award per fiscal year (July 1– June 30).

## **REVIEW CRITERIA**

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Applications will be reviewed by the Arts Education Program Manager and approved by the Division Director. Each application will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Support of school principal demonstrated by a letter of support
- Qualifications of professional artist
- Individual's rationale for pursuing the artistic discipline
- Individual's personal commitment to the artistic discipline
- Quality of the artist/teacher instructional plan

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

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### **Initial Approach**

**NEW applicants** are highly encouraged to contact Jean Tokuda Irwin, Arts Education Specialist at 801.236.7559 or [jirwin@utah.gov](mailto:jirwin@utah.gov) to discuss proposal and to ensure project qualifies for funding under this award category.

### **Deadline**

Ongoing

### **Request Amount**

\$500. This pays for the teaching artist's time. The average salary for a teaching artist is \$30-\$50 per hour.

### **Online Submission Process**

1. Fill out application at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/UtahDivisionOfArtsMuseums/TeacherInitiatedProjectTIP>