



Teacher-Initiated Project (TIP) Guidelines

DESCRIPTION

Arts Education Teacher-Initiated Project 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.

Your application should be about what you want to learn, not how or what to teach your students. This is your opportunity to learn about the artform of your choice, whether you already know anything about it or not. Whether or how this learning will be used in the classroom is not relevant to your TIP application.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

Who Can Apply?

Individual Educators Employed in Schools

Limitations/Restrictions

- All funds go directly to the artist's salary (\$500) for working one-on-one with an educator.
- 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](https://artsandmuseums.utah.gov/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 more information about the Teaching Artist Roster, visit: <https://artsandmuseums.utah.gov/teaching-artist-roster/>

This does NOT fund:

- Artist(s) in classrooms
- Tuition for workshops, classes, webinars, conferences, etc.
- Art supplies and materials
- Mileage and lodging

Utah Arts & Museums Policies

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

REVIEW CRITERIA

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

Initial Approach

NEW applicants are highly encouraged to contact Jean Tokuda Irwin, Arts Education Specialist at 801.979.0398 or jirwin@utah.gov to discuss proposal and to ensure project qualifies for funding under this 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. Again, this is an opportunity for an educator to work one-on-one with an artist of their choice.

Online Submission Process

Fill out application at <https://tinyurl.com/TIPs-Application-FY25>