

Connecticut Teaching Artist Summer Mentorship Mini-Grants

Who: *The Teaching Artist Hub* would like to offer CT teaching artists an opportunity to receive mini grants over this summer 2022 to 6 pairs of mentor/mentee professional relationships. This is a total of 12 people consisting of 6 mentors and 6 mentees.

What are we looking for?

We are seeking teaching artists that have a passion to teach aspiring teaching artists what it takes to be in their roles. **Mentors** should have a skilled, experienced, background in their arts discipline and they should provide guidance, motivation, support and leadership towards the mentee. **Mentees** that are open to learn, be advised, trained or counseled by a mentor in their arts discipline are encouraged to apply.

What do you need to apply?

- **Two Teaching Artists** (Any art form is permissible): One teaching artist as a Mentor, the other teaching artist as the Mentee. The two TAs will need to plan and execute a project together.
- **Project:** This project can be any arts engagement project lasting three sessions or more (or equivalent to a single 6 hour workshop or weekend event). This can be with kids, teens, young adults, adults or senior citizens. The mentor will be the lead artist, however, the mentee will be expected to be involved in all aspects of the event/classes/residency. Mentors should be hands-on and have the opportunity to help and/or observe communicating with the host site, planning, setting up, running the events and evaluating the effectiveness. Projects must happen in CT between June 25 and August 31. Host sites may pay a matching fee OR Teaching Artists can offer this project/event/class to venues for free.
- **Timeline:**
 - **Proposal Due: Wed. June 15**
 - **Selected projects announced: June 20**
 - Projects must be completed between June 25 - August 31
 - Final report due September 12
 - Each teaching artist will be paid \$1000 (\$500 upon acceptance of proposal/ \$500 upon submission of final report).

What should your proposal consist of?

-Mentor/Mentee Name/Contact Information

-Art Discipline being mentored

-Short description of proposed project including apx.dates & time frames

-Objective for the project: Keep it simple and manageable! (ex. Engage youth on a wall mural at Oddfellows Playhouse/ facilitate storytelling workshop series at a retirement home)

-Goals for Mentorship: Pair will create, outline, plan and carry out the workshop series,project or event together. Mentee will gain knowledge, experience and skills.

-Venue: Where will this take place? What is the population? Is the host site contributing financially or otherwise to the project?

-Why are you as a mentor and a mentee right for this project?

To turn in a proposal: [CT TA Summer Mini-Grant Proposal Form](#)