

2026 Teaching Artist Mentorship Grant

Who: *The Teaching Artist Hub CT* would like to offer CT teaching artists an opportunity to receive a \$2000 grant over this spring/summer 2026 to 6 pairs of mentor/mentee professional relationships. Awarded grantees will consist of a total of 12 people(6 mentors and 6 mentees) each receiving \$1000.

APPLY: To turn in a proposal: [2026 Teaching Artist Mentorship Application](#)

What are we looking for?

We are seeking teaching artists that have a passion to teach aspiring artists what it takes to be creatives at their best. **Mentors** should have a skilled, experienced, background in their arts discipline and they should provide guidance, motivation, support and leadership towards the mentee. **Mentees 18+** that are open to learn, be advised, trained or counseled by a mentor in their arts discipline are encouraged to apply. Create a workshop/project/event as a collaboration over the spring/summer of 2025.

**** One application is needed per pair ****

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 TA's will need to plan and execute a project together.
- **Project:** This project,workshop or event can be in any arts discipline. The mentorship should meet at a **minimum of six sessions OR 12 dedicated total hours or mentoring**. Your target audience can be with kids, teens, young adults, adults or senior citizens in k-12 or community spaces of your choice. 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.Your project/workshop/event could be offered for a charge OR Teaching Artists can offer this project/event/class to venues for free.
- **Timeline:**
 - Application Opens: **Friday January 23, 2026**
 - **Application Deadline: Monday February 23, 2026**
 - **Selected awarded projects announced: Monday March 2, 2026**
 - **Projects Timeline: Upon being awarded March 2 - August 30**
 - **Final report due September 11, 2026**
 - **Each Mentorship Pair will receive \$2000 (\$1000 per mentor/mentee)**
(\$500 upon acceptance of proposal/ \$500 upon submission of final report).

What should your application consist of?

(This is a collaborative application process:both parties are expected to be involved from the beginning to the end, incl. emails,contact,planning,final report,pictures,videos)

-Mentor/Mentee Name/Contact Information: Name, Email, Phone # Please Include:PIC/BIO

-Art Discipline being mentored

-Description of proposed project: including apx.dates & time frames

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

-What makes your pair (mentor/mentee) right for this project? What is your purpose, your WHY?