



Summer Institute 2021: Art as Activism in the Classroom Overview

Summer Institute 2021 is a three day intensive virtual workshop series for teaching artists of all disciplines. This year we will focus on art as activism or “artivism”. This past year, our students have experienced extreme societal upheaval and social injustices amidst a pandemic. We believe it is our job as teaching artists to help them navigate these events, their emotions, and their response to the world through art-making. During this three day intensive, teaching artists across the country will work with Teaching Artist Project staff to develop skills, lessons, and activities that will help support their students and bring activism through art into the classroom. Join us this summer to expand your ability to bring art and activism to the classroom, deepen your teaching with experiential, inquiry and reflection processes, connect with teaching artists from around the country, and build new strategies for creating a positive classroom culture.

Summer Institute's training curriculum is based on Community-Word Project's "creative process" exploration methods, teaching practices and arts-in-education philosophy developed over 23 years. We recommend that teaching artists have at least some classroom experience (1-2 years) before applying.

Workshops:

The following dates are mandatory for all participants:

- Workshop 1: July 22, 2021 (10-12pm, one hour break, 1-3pm)
- Workshop 2: July 23, 2021 (10-12pm, one hour break, 1-3pm)
- Workshop 3: July 24, 2021 (12-2pm, one hour break, 3-5pm)

Application:

The complete application and guidelines can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply is June 15th. There is an early bird deadline of May 15th as well. Those applicants who apply early will receive \$100 off their tuition if accepted.

Meet & Greets:

Community building is a big part of what we do in our TAP programs. We like to meet potential participants for our programs so we can create a supportive and responsive community. All applicants must attend one of the three TAP Meet & Greets before the application deadline. During the Meet & Greet, we will give an overview of the program, plus participate in a few community building activities. The available Meet & Greet dates are:

[May 24th, 2021 \(1:30-2:30pm EST\)](#)

[June 3rd, 2021 \(5-6pm EST\)](#)

[June 14th, 2021 \(6-7pm EST\)](#)

Applicants can register for the Meet & Greets at the links or by filling out the [application](#).

Accessibility:

Teaching Artist Project is committed to providing opportunities for all of our members to participate in our programs and engage with one another. Should you require any accessibility services, please contact tap@communitywordproject.org.

Finances:

Teaching Artist Project strives to be an affordable alternative to higher education for working artists. The total tuition amount due for the Summer Institute 2021 is \$400. An Early Bird Special of \$100 off marked tuition price will be offered to all applications received before May 15th, 2021.

Scholarships: Scholarship funds are available. If you believe that you qualify for consideration, please submit a one-page request letter. Explain why you qualify for financial aid and describe what your participation will bring to the training. Please include scholarship requests in your application submission. Payment Plans are available upon request.

Questions?

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions page on our website for more information:
<https://www.teachingartistproject.org/frequently-asked-questions>.

Visit our website www.teachingartistproject.org or contact Director of Teaching Artist Project Katie Rainey at TAP@communitywordproject.org