

Center Theatre Group Educators Fellowship Complete Program Information and Guidelines

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Deadline for Preliminary Proposals: Friday, November 4, 2011

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Program Description

Center Theatre Group seeks to address critical professional development needs and support the artistic revitalization of teachers in Los Angeles County by providing opportunities for learning that is transformational and inspires new ways of approaching students and the practice of teaching theatre.

Teachers will design individualized courses of study that provide immersion in their own creative work, the opportunity to interact with other professional artists and educators, and the ability to stay current with new teaching practices and resources.

Awardees are selected each spring and fellowships take place over the summer. At the end of the funding cycle, fellows will submit a two page "white paper" that answers a key research question from their application. White papers will be shared at a convening and with the broader community to educate and foster professional dialogue around new and innovative approaches to professional development.

Award Information

CTG will award five fellowships annually, up to \$5,000 each, with a \$100 CHASE gift card for materials and continued access and support through CTG's online educators' network.

The honoraria will be made in one installment after the notification of awards.

The fellowship award may be used for study in theatre courses; attendance at workshops, festivals or institutes; formal mentor relationships with recognized artists or educators; and other relevant expenses such as travel, hotel, and per diem costs. (See Resource List on the website for examples of possible sites.) It may NOT be used towards student field trip expenses, developing productions, equipment or classroom materials.

Eligibility

- Teachers employed by K–12 public, private or charter schools in Los Angeles County.
- Teachers who teach and/or integrate theatre in the classroom.
- Teachers who have completed a minimum of three years of teaching and plans to continue at the same school in the consecutive school year.
- Teachers may be awarded a Fellowship once every three years.
- Teachers who are already receiving ongoing support from Center Theatre Group through one of our Model School Programs are not eligible to receive the Fellowship Award.

Grantee Responsibilities

- Funding must be used by the end of September of the same calendar year it's awarded.
- Two page "white paper" and final budget must be submitted within two weeks of fellowship completion.

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- Participation in learning and research activities, including the Fellowship convening with fellow practitioners, and other relevant practice-sharing events organized by CTG.

Application and Selection Process

This is a two-step process:

Step 1: Submission of a Preliminary Proposal

Step 2: Following a review of the Preliminary Proposals, CTG will invite those teachers with the strongest proposals to submit Full Applications.

Step 1 – Preliminary Proposals

Deadline for Preliminary Proposals: Friday, November 4, 2011

To submit a Preliminary Proposal, complete the online Preliminary Proposal Form including the Proposal Narrative and submit it with a Photo, Resume or Curriculum Vitae, and Letter of Support from a School Administrator to tcho@CenterTheatreGroup.org.

The Proposal Narrative (maximum of two pages) must address the following four areas and be clearly typed using a font no smaller than 12 point Times New Roman and one-inch margins. Please number your answers and spell out all acronyms and other abbreviations at their first use.

1. When thinking about your teaching practice, what would you like or need to learn? What is the key question(s) you want to explore? How is this innovative for you?
2. Describe how this fellowship will renew you personally and how it will benefit you as a teacher. Be specific and clear about your need.
3. What specific activities will you pursue and how do they support your key research question(s)? Be specific about why these activities were selected, what makes them high quality and how they creatively address your question(s).
4. Describe the potential impact of this fellowship on your current work with your current students and/or community.

Proposal Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Innovative and compelling key research question(s) (40%)
- Clearly demonstrated need (30%)
- Quality and creativity of proposed activities, clear connection to research question(s) (20%)
- Overall presentation (10%)

All applicants will receive a written response confirming receipt of the proposal.

Finalists will be notified by email no later than Friday, December 2, 2011.

Step 2: Full Applications

Deadline for Full Application: Friday, January 20, 2012

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Following a review of the Preliminary Proposals, candidates with the strongest proposals will be invited to submit Full Applications. Finalists will be asked to submit a full project narrative, project timeline and budget, and all available supporting materials (including letters of support from project partners).

Full applications will be reviewed by a panel of artists, educators, and arts administrators. CTG staff will conduct workplace site visits and interviews, as needed.

Fellowship Awards will be informally announced on Friday, March 2, 2012, with public notification in April 2012.

Timeline for 2011-2012

Fellowship Workshop: October 18, 2011

Deadline for Preliminary Proposals: November 4, 2011

Finalists Notified: December 2, 2011

Deadline for Full Application: January 20, 2012

Workplace Site Visits and Interviews: February 21-24, 2012

Notification of Awards: March 2, 2012

Presentation of Awards: April 2012 (specific date TBD)

Project End Convening: October 2012 (specific date TBD)

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