



Fellowship Program Co-Instructor

Program Description

The International Festival of Arts and Ideas' Fellowship Program offers New Haven public school sophomores and juniors a unique, fully-funded opportunity to learn about the arts. The Fellowship Program is a semester-long middle college course designed to develop students' skills in communication and critical thinking by immersing them in all aspects of the Festival: performances, lectures, community engagement, production, and management. Working and teaching alongside a Gateway Community College Instructor, the Fellowship Co-Instructor will lead and execute the program.

Through weekly seminars, a broad range of arts-related activities, and the attendance at diverse virtual arts and humanities events, we aim to equip the Fellows with the skills to become the next generation of artists, thinkers, and audience members. Fellows will learn to think and speak critically about the themes of the Festival's various concerts, classes, talks, and performances, and ultimately lead their own event during the Festival as their capstone project.

At the end of the Fellowship Program, Fellows will also have a thorough understanding of the Festival's non-profit operations. The program equips its Fellows with marketable experience, skills, and connections that will prove useful for future internships or employment opportunities. We see the Fellowship as a potential beginning of a longer-term engagement with the Festival. Our hope is that the Fellows will be interested in returning to the Festival in the following year in some capacity - as volunteers, interns, or employees.

Accredited through Gateway Community College, the Fellowship Program offers students 4 college credits and an academic transcript upon successful completion of the program.

Position

The Fellowship Co-instructor will work with a Co-instructor assigned by Gateway Community College to present an arts management curriculum designed by Festival and Gateway College administrators. The 2021 Fellowship course will take place virtually, using Zoom.

The successful candidate will be passionate about the ways arts and culture can be activated to raise awareness and individual voices, and to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders throughout the community. The candidate should possess outstanding verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills, and be eager to work collaboratively with Festival staff in an organization that values the diversity of our city and state.

Salary range for the semester is \$6,500 - \$7,500

Requirements

Teaching experience with youth is required. A minimum of a Bachelor of Arts degree in a related field, Masters degree preferred. Some background in producing arts & cultural events is strongly preferred.

Primary Responsibilities

- Assist with the student interview and selection process, as possible.
- Co-Development of program-specific curricular content for weekly program sessions that is consistent with the program goals, outline, and syllabus provided by Gateway and the Festival.
- Engagement and orientation of a cohort of 12 -16 Fellows.
- Co-Teaching with Gateway Community College Assigned Instructor weekly program sessions, and engaging Festival staff members and others as guest teachers when appropriate.
- Managing the logistics associated with the execution of program, such as preparing films and other materials for presentation in the Zoom classroom.
- Preparation of parent/guardian information and permission slips.
- Communications with Fellows and their parents/guardians and referring schools or organizations as necessary.
- Planning, managing and supervising field trips as allowed.
- Fostering, encouraging, and overseeing student progress and cohort development throughout the program.
- Working together with the Festival on the recruitment and selection of a Yale student as the Fellowship Program Intern (June).
- Managing and supervising the Fellows schedule(s) and activities during the immersion portion of the program, and working closely with Festival staff to ensure the greatest possible integration of the Fellows into the fabric of the Festival.
- Managing the request process for Festival services in June (tickets, transportation, meals, etc.)
- Being respectful of and working within the constraints of the Festival's Fellowship program budget, and coordinating needs in advance with the Managing Director.

Classes will meet every Wednesday beginning January 23 at Gateway Community College.

Reports to: The Community Engagement Manager. Key communication with Festival staff and management on a regular and consistent basis to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the program. Taking part in meetings and discussions as necessary to achieve the program goals.

To Apply: Applicants should send a cover letter and resume with "Fellowship Co-instructor" in the subject line by email to: Aleta Staton, Community Engagement Manager, astaton@artidea.org. Applicants who do not include a cover letter with their resume will not be considered for this position. No phone calls, please (we are working remotely!). We look forward to hearing from you.