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# Indiana Educator Fellowship for Creative Teaching

Educator Recognition and Professional Development Program

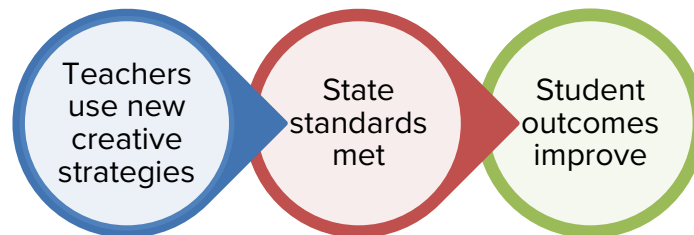
## 2024 Guidelines

**Application Deadline | February 22, 2024**

### Program Overview

Teachers are some of our state's best creative problem solvers and innovators. Great educators take risks, learn, reflect, and collaborate. Those same attributes are the building blocks of Creativity. The Indiana Educator Fellowship for Creative Teaching (FCT) was created to celebrate and support outstanding educators to expand classroom teaching through creativity.

### Creative Teaching Outcomes



**Research shows creative teaching strategies, also known as [“Arts Integration”](#), improves [student engagement, student learning retention, and student literacy skills](#).**

Integrating the arts into core subjects like reading, math, and science is a highly effective and rewarding approach to meeting standards while reaching diverse learners, engaging students, and making a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

**We have an opportunity for you** to learn about Creative Teaching, be rewarded for your good work, and have fun doing it. The Indiana Educator Fellowship for Creative Teaching supports educators with robust training, funding, and a community of experts to inspire and implement creativity-centered innovation in the classroom.

**Apply for the Creative Teaching Fellowship today!**

Application link: <https://forms.office.com/g/6u7S51Vs6v>



### CREATIVE TEACHING FELLOWS RECEIVE...

Two days of immersive <b>training</b> in creativity and connections to standards
Access to a <b>fully funded in-school creative arts residency</b>
<b>Support</b> from community creative partners, experts, and professionals
<b>Membership</b> in a statewide community of energetic, innovative educators
<b>One-on-one staff support</b>
<b>A \$1,000 honoraria</b>



### CREATIVE TEACHING FELLOWS GIVE...

Meaningful participation in all meetings and conversations
Time attending The Creative Fellowship Institute (two half day virtual training sessions and two immersive in-person training sessions) - Spring and Summer 2023
Collaboration with your Creative Arts Partner



### CREATIVE TEACHING FELLOWS TAKE AWAY...

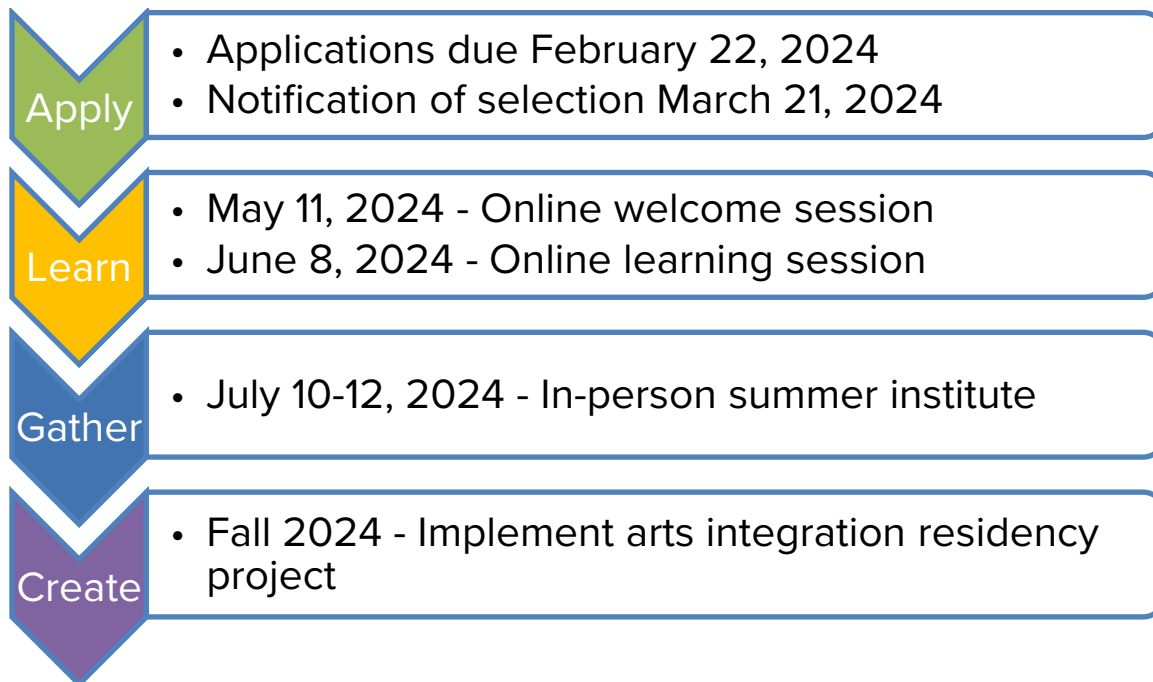
Inspiration and community in teaching creatively and with care
Feeling excited to get back to the classroom and try out some new ideas
A toolbox filled with new ideas and strategies to support any curriculum
Connection with arts partners in your area
New knowledge and skills in arts and creativity

## What will the Creative Teaching Fellowship experience be like?

Selected “Creative Teaching Fellows” will gather with their like-minded educator peers who are also looking to grow their teaching practice in innovative ways. After exploring what creativity in education can be in theory during the summer training, all Creative Teaching Fellows will collaborate with their Community Arts Partner to bring a professional, in-person artist residency in their classroom in the Fall semester to see the work in a real classroom setting.



**This seems like too much for me to do alone.** IAC knows teachers have a lot on their plate, so we have a great plan to connect every teacher to their own personal Community Arts Partner who are local arts organizations who have the expertise in the arts to be by your side all along the way. Likewise our expert staff are here to support each and every fellow one-on-one.





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## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

**We are looking for educators who can demonstrate:**

- Passion and commitment for education and for approaching teaching with creativity.
- Previous school and community connections (*beyond teaching, in what ways have you stepped up to present/lead new ideas at a school i.e. committees, afterschool clubs, in-school leadership roles*)
- An ability to implement new lessons and/or activities in your classroom (*i.e. brought in outside partners, implemented new strategies in your teaching.*)
- Interest in growing your skills as an educator

Educators who pursue the Indiana Educator Fellowship for Creative Teaching are inspired and dedicated to bringing creativity and innovation into their classroom to positively change their students, school, and community.

**The creative teaching fellowship serves a wide variety of educators.**

Our cohort will include:

- K – 12 educators from public schools, public charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools from across the state
- Educators from all non-arts subject areas — STEM, Math, Humanities, ELA, Elementary classrooms, and more
- Fine Arts teachers already bring creativity to their work every day. This opportunity will not be as beneficial to educators who primarily teach visual arts, music, dance, theatre, or design/media arts.

**Submit your application before February 22, 2024 to be considered for the creative fellowship program.** The application involves:

- Basic information about your educational environment and background in teaching.
- A written reflection on your interest in creative teaching
- Questions about your past work connecting with community or innovative projects to support students

You should expect to budget 30-45 minutes to complete the Fellowship application. After you submit your responses, you will receive a notification by March 21st.

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## OTHER RULES AND GUIDELINES

**ADA Accommodations Available upon request:** IAC welcomes participants with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact the IAC's accessibility coordinator Stephanie Haines at [shaines@iac.in.gov](mailto:shaines@iac.in.gov).

### Want to apply? First make sure you meet these criteria:

- Must be a licensed educator employed to teach any grade K – 12 during the 2023/2024 school year. (*Special exceptions may be made through an IAC staff approval process*)
- Must be employed by a school operating in Indiana during the 2023/2024 school year.
- Must be employed by a public school, public charter school, or accredited nonpublic school
- Be an Indiana resident and remain a full time Indiana resident through the end of the fellowship period.
- Must be over 18 years of age
- Must be a US citizen

Unfortunately, this opportunity excludes:

- Educators who teach exclusively at Colleges, Universities, or Higher education institutions
- Non-licensed educators (unless approved by IAC staff)
- Pre-k educators
- Substitute educators not contracted for a full school year
- Educators with temporary or emergency licenses
- Educators who work exclusively out-of-school time (afterschool, summer)

### Selection Priorities

Applications will be reviewed and recommended by a conflict-free admissions committee of peers and professionals. The admissions committee will select up to 20 Fellows who are passionate about education and are seeking new ways to expand their teaching practice through arts and creativity. Further, the committee will use these priorities to create a cohort that has diverse representation including:

- Variety of teaching career experience
- Statewide representation
- Variety of classroom type, grade levels, and school types
- Representation of schools with low-access to the arts (as defined by IDOE data)

For more information visit <https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/training/indiana-educator-fellowship-for-creative-teaching/>

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