



# Teaching Artist Fellow in Visual Arts

**Position:** Full Time, Salaried

**Location:** Jacksonville, FL

**Department:** Program

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## Why You Will Love This Role

Are you ready to transform education through the arts and make a lasting impact on the lives of young learners? As a full-time Teaching Artist Fellow in Visual Arts, you'll have the unique opportunity to blend your artistic passion with a commitment to educational excellence, fostering creativity and visual expression.

In 2017, CAP embarked on a visionary journey as its board, staff and key stakeholders convened to forge a bold new path forward, introducing a groundbreaking fellowship model that broadens CAP's reach and strengthens the arts sector. This exciting initiative is not a typical fellowship—it's a permanent position ensuring long-term impact and lasting career growth opportunities for those passionate about driving change through the arts.

The position has an anticipated start date of no later than May 15, 2026.

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## Your Impact

- **Engage and Inspire:** Directly impact the lives of students across multiple schools and community sites by providing 18-20 hours of weekly instruction in visual arts. Embrace CAP's core value to **sing out loud** by encouraging students to find their artistic expression.
- **Create and Collaborate:** Utilize your artistic skills to develop innovative and engaging art lessons that meet educational standards and embody CAP's core value to **color**

**outside the lines**, ensuring your work not only educates, but also inspires and transforms lives.

- **Lead with Excellence:** Orchestrate enriching educational experiences ranging from classroom projects to exciting field trips, guest artist sessions and community engagement activities. By championing CAP's core value to **inspire every child's creative spirit**, you will ensure every endeavor not only meets but exceeds expectations, setting a new benchmark for excellence in arts education.
- **Cultivate Creativity and Joy:** Foster an environment where joy and creativity flourish. Encourage students and colleagues alike to maintain vibrant and continuous artistic exploration, truly embodying CAP's core value to **maintain your creative spark**.

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## What You Will Bring

- **A Passion for Artistic and Educational Excellence:** With a strong background in visual arts and experience in arts education, you are ideally equipped to merge these realms to cultivate high standards of artistic learning and creativity.
- **Creativity and Collaborative Spirit:** As a creative problem-solver, you excel in innovating and adapting to foster a supportive community among students, educators and parents. Your strong collaborative spirit enables you to work effectively alongside educational and community members, enhancing the learning environment and maximizing impact through shared efforts and mutual support.
- **Dynamic Educational Approach:** Your innovative teaching methods integrate visual arts into educational curricula, enhancing student engagement and achievement. Your approach helps students connect with artistic materials in meaningful ways, promoting both artistic skills and broader educational goals.
- **Leadership in Arts Education:** You have a proven track record of leading arts-based projects that inspire students and educators alike. Your leadership skills are evident in your ability to manage projects, inspire innovation and maintain high educational standards.
- **Resilience and Adaptability:** You are adept at navigating the challenges that come with integrating the arts into diverse learning settings. Your resilience helps you adapt lesson plans to meet the needs of various student populations and deliver high-quality educational experiences under varying conditions.
- **Commitment to Students:** With a dedication to creating welcoming and safe learning environments, you ensure every child feels valued and empowered to express their

artistic visions. Your teaching celebrates a variety of perspectives and encourages students to respect and learn from each other, fostering a rich artistic community.

- **Educational Background:** A bachelor's degree in art, arts education or a closely related field is required for this position, with a strong preference for candidates holding an MFA. Ideal candidates will have an educational background that prepares them for profound engagement with visual arts and pedagogy.
- **Professional Experience:** You have a demonstrated history of working in visual arts, with a specific focus on educating young students. Experience in elementary education is preferred, as this role requires a deep understanding of how to integrate visual arts into core curriculum areas, enhancing both artistic development and general educational outcomes.

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## A Day in the Life

- **Morning Engagement:** Start your day energized as you prepare and deliver interactive visual arts lessons that seamlessly integrate artistic concepts with other academic subjects, making the content engaging and accessible. Focus on developing lesson plans that blend visual arts with academic curriculum goals, ensuring that each session enhances both artistic expression and educational outcomes.
- **Active Collaboration:** Spend midday hours engaging with classroom teachers, CAP peers and local arts community members to integrate visual arts into the broader curriculum. This collaboration might involve planning upcoming units, discussing student progress and adapting strategies to meet diverse learning needs. Also, focus on strengthening relationships with cultural partners to enhance CAP's presence and impact within the arts community.
- **Afternoon Creativity:** Lead art sessions for school lessons, curating enriching opportunities for exhibits and showcasing student work. Provide students with valuable opportunities to create and present their artistic talents, fostering an environment where they can gain confidence and appreciation for their creative expressions.
- **Community Connection:** Occasionally participate in workshops or community arts events, which strengthen the bond between CAP and the wider community. These activities highlight the role the arts play in fostering community engagement and cultural appreciation.

- **Reflection and Planning:** Wrap up your day by using data to reflect on the successes and learning opportunities of the day. Plan for future lessons considering how best to address student needs and make the most of the educational experience the next day.
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## Perks & Benefits

- **Competitive Compensation:** Start with a robust salary of \$60,000, adjustable based on your experience. This position recognizes the value you bring to CAP and offers the opportunity for annual merit increases of up to 3% and performance bonuses up to 3%.
  - **Healthcare Coverage:** To ensure you and your health are well taken care of, CAP will cover 75% of the premiums in your selected plan for individual medical, dental and vision insurance options.
  - **Retirement Planning:** Invest in your future with CAP's 403(b) retirement savings plan, including a CAP match of 3%. It's never too early or too late to start planning for retirement.
  - **Generous Time Off:** Recharge and rejuvenate with 21 days of paid time off, plus 21-24 paid holidays throughout the year. CAP's flexible, family-friendly schedule allows you to balance your professional and personal life effectively.
  - **Commuter Benefits:** Enjoy paid parking in a central downtown location, making your commute easier. Additionally, receive reimbursement for work-related mileage incurred, supporting your travel needs related to program delivery and community engagement.
  - **Professional and Personal Growth:** After one year with CAP, you'll gain access to additional tenured benefits, including opportunities for professional development to further enhance your skills and career. Personal wellness credits are also offered to support your overall well-being.
  - **Family First:** Following a year of employment, take advantage of CAP's paid parental leave, allowing you to focus on your family's significant life moments.
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## Are You Ready?

If you are passionate about making a significant difference through the integration of arts and education and thrive in a role where community and creativity intersect, we invite you to apply. This is more than a job—it's a chance to be part of something bigger. Join us in shaping the future of arts education!

Submit in confidence to [luisa@capkids.org](mailto:luisa@capkids.org) a résumé and personal statement of 1,500 words or less explaining a) your personal, artist or educational philosophy statement, b) where you currently are in your career and long-term goals, and c) what unique skills or perspective you will bring to CAP, its students and the Jacksonville community.

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