

**The University of Utah Endowed Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program
Teaching Assistant Description**

Deadline for submission to the Arts Education Committee: January 19, 2018

Top applicants will be interviewed by the Arts Education Committee and notified before April 15, 2018.

Mission:

- To strengthen and increase arts education research, practice, and advocacy.
 - To support and encourage pedagogical development as well as creative and/or scholarly research activities of outstanding graduate students in the College of Fine Arts (CFA) as they pertain to the field of arts education.
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Description: The Endowed Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (BTSALP) Teaching Assistant (TA) is a fully funded assistantship granted to one outstanding graduate student in the CFA who is passionate about furthering the field of arts education both in research and in practice. Applicants do not need to be pursuing an arts teaching graduate degree in the CFA to be considered, but they must provide strong evidence of school or community-based pedagogical experience working with young people in grades K-12.

Endowed BTSALP TA responsibilities may include (but are not limited to):

- Teach arts integrated curricula such as ART, DANC, THEA, or MUSC 3015 and FA 4000, as well as for ArtsLINK, CFA's annual Arts Integration Conference.
 - Assist with the implementation of BTSALP professional learning opportunities.
 - Assist faculty with community-engaged research.
 - Engage in research and teaching that support the applicant's interest and field of study.
 - Support Art Works for Kids, including BTSALP promotion/arts advocacy and program-specific research studies.
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Eligibility, Criteria, and Process:

- The Endowed BTSALP TA position is available to admitted CFA students for up to two years.
- This assistantship follows the same benefit guidelines as the University of Utah Graduate School: <https://gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/tuition-benefit-program-guidelines/>.
- Applicants do not need to apply through the University of Utah Graduate School for this CFA funded TA position.

Submission:

- Application materials should be submitted to kelby.mcintyre@utah.edu on or before Friday, January 19, 2018.
 - The CFA Arts Education Committee will evaluate the proposals and announce the award before April 15, 2018.
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Endowed BTSALP TA Application Requirements:

1. **Statement of Purpose** (300-500 words). Describe your background, interests, and goals in the study and practice of arts education. Please include how the mission of the Arts Teaching Program, <http://www.finearts.utah.edu/students/prospective-students/arts-teaching>, aligns with your graduate studies.
 2. **Résumé or Curriculum Vitae.**
 3. **Two letters of recommendation.** Letters should highlight your academic and/or scholarly performance, experience teaching and working with youth, and work ethic/professionalism.
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Note: Due to the nature of this position, the Endowed BTSALP TA will need to pass a criminal background check.