CUP is hiring!

The Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) is a nonprofit organization that uses the power of design and art to increase meaningful civic engagement. We collaborate with designers, educators, advocates, students, and communities to make educational tools that demystify complex policy and planning issues.

We believe that increasing understanding of how these systems work is the first step to better, more equitable, and more diverse community participation. For more information, visit CUP at: http://welcometoCUP.org.

CUP is looking for Teaching Artists to lead Urban Investigations in the winter and spring of 2018 at three different schools.

Each Urban Investigation begins with a key question about the city. To find answers, high school students go beyond standard classroom learning and engage in rigorous field research, conducting site visits and interviewing decision-makers and stakeholders. Students then collaborate with the teaching artist to produce innovative, engaging works in a variety of media. These projects are taken up by neighborhood organizations and advocacy groups and used to educate others. For more information on Urban Investigations, visit: http://welcometocup.org/Projects/UrbanInvestigations

Teaching Artist Description

The Teaching Artist will work with CUP and a group of high school students to investigate a fundamental question about how the city works, using collaborative research and design.

+Training and curriculum development: Mid-December to January 2018
+Class dates: See “School Information”
+Final event: June 2018
+Skills: curriculum development, experience teaching high school students, art and design
+Stipend: $7,000 for curriculum development, class facilitation, final product design, and evaluation

CUP Teaching Artists work with CUP staff to create a final print product that require competency in Photoshop and Illustrator or InDesign. Applicants without these skills will still be considered and responsible for shaping and managing the execution of the final product with a designer. The Teaching Artist stipend will be adjusted if an additional designer needs to be hired for this project.
School Information

Bushwick Leaders’ High School for Academic Excellence
+Location: 797 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221
+Start date: January 31, 2018
+Class days and times: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm to 4:30pm*

Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy (KAPPA) International
+Location: 500 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458
+Start date: February 5, 2018
+Class days and times: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm to 5:30pm*

Life Sciences Secondary School
+Location: 320 East 96th Street, New York, NY 10128
+Start date, class days and times to be determined.

*Start dates, class days and times are subject to change.

Application Instructions

Please submit a cover letter, a resume, a sample lesson plan, contact information for two references, and a work sample with up to five images of what you consider to be your strongest visual work (not your students’ work). Send materials via email to apply@welcometocup.org.

Please address the following in your cover letter:

+ Where did you hear about this position?
+ Do you have a school preference?
+ Why are you interested in this position?
+ What current, social justice topics might you be interested in taking on?
+ What art, design, and digital media are you comfortable working in?
+ What experience do you have working with high school students, and why do you want to work with them?

Please send all materials as a single PDF saved as “[YourLastName_YourFirstName]_Urban_Investigations_Teaching_Artist” to apply@welcometocup.org by Monday, December 4th at 10am. Include Urban Investigations Teaching Artist Application as your email subject line.

Please note that we will NOT review applications that do not provide all requested materials sent in this format.

No phone calls, please.

CUP is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages people of color, women, LGBTQ, and disabled candidates to apply.