

IPFW Arts Connection
A Collaborative Arts Education Project

K-12 Schools
and the
IPFW College of Visual and Performing Arts

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Project Overview: The IPFW Arts Connection links a K-12 teacher with an IPFW Arts Scholar (junior or senior student majoring in the arts) to assist with accomplishing an in-school or after-school class project proposed by the K-12 teacher. The Arts Scholar works in the classroom or after school 30-40 hours (according to project needs) over a flexible, multi-week time period coinciding with the IPFW fall or spring semesters. Arts Scholars receive a monetary award and the option of receiving academic credit for the project through a course administered by their IPFW department chair.

The Arts Scholar will

- mentor K-12 students in developing new skills
- encourage the students to succeed academically
- help them recognize the benefits of a college education
- identify potential careers in the arts the students might consider
- assist the teacher in accomplishing the project.

An IPFW faculty mentor from the College of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) serves as a resource consultant and advisor for the Arts Scholar and the faculty of record if the student enrolls for academic credit. The number of assigned Arts Scholars per project will vary according to project needs and the availability of Arts Scholars and funding.

Class Projects: Class projects are discipline specific or may be interdisciplinary, linking social studies, math, literature, foreign language, language arts, science, technology and the arts. Projects address specific State of Indiana Academic Standards.

Examples of possible class projects include:

- Future City Competition project from a design/aesthetics perspective
- set, costume and make-up design for theatrical production
- theatrical interpretation and analysis of children's literature through multiple learning styles
- vocal coaching for the spring musical
- exploring cultural diversity through music performance styles
- American history taught through period music, art or dance
- choreography and dance performance illustrating language and/or international cultures with mathematical and science connections
- art creations such as murals or sculptures reflecting diversity or social issues

- web design, photography or animation creation for a community non-profit organization
- exploring architectural space through virtual reality
- redesigning a downtown street or neighborhood through a virtual 3-D environment

IPFW Arts Connection Goals:

- engage K-12 students in productive and enjoyable hands-on arts projects during the school day or after school
- explore careers in the arts
- emphasize the accessibility and benefits of a college education
- support K-12 school curricula and State of Indiana Academic Standards
- promote interdisciplinary education wherever possible by integrating the arts with other subject matter
- enhance the professional growth of university arts students as they prepare for their career
- connect the school community of students and staff to the project
- enhance the visibility and community connections of the IPFW School of Visual and Performing Arts.

Project Evaluation: Participating K-12 students and IPFW designated faculty member complete a survey to measure the accomplishment of project goals. Supervising teachers complete mid-project and final-project evaluations. The Art Scholars’ work is evaluated through multiple measures, including student portfolios (renderings, photographs, recordings, etc.); papers and reflective observations; documentation of the culminating work; other as appropriate to the class project and discipline.

Project Scope: The number of projects per semester or year will depend upon K-12 teacher proposals and availability of IPFW Arts Scholars and funding. Schools are expected to provide equipment and materials.

Funding: A foundation has agreed to fund a pilot program of ten projects, beginning in Fall 2006.

Item	Cost
Arts Scholar award	\$1,000
K-12 teacher stipend	250
VPA faculty mentor/advisor stipend	250
Arts Scholar expenses	250
VPA administrative cost for managing program, site-visits, recognitions, reports, etc.	250
TOTAL COST PER PROJECT	\$2,000

Process: To initiate a project for Fall or Spring semesters, potential supervising teachers may go to www.ipfw.edu/vpa, click on IPFW Arts Connection, download the application form and e-mail, fax or mail it as indicated.

Timeline for Fall Project:

Application Deadline	April 15, 2008
Notification of Award	May, 2008
Project Begins	September, 2008

Timeline for Spring Project

Application Deadline	October 1, 2008
Notification of Award	November, 2008
Project Begins	January, 2009

Implementation Steps:

1. Teacher submits application (April 15 or October 1)
2. VPA dean, Arts Connection Coordinator and department chair review and select project proposals
3. Department chairs identify Arts Scholars
4. Arts Connection Coordinators notify teachers and Arts Scholars of award and schedule an initial meeting at IPFW of the teacher, Arts Scholar, IPFW faculty mentor and IPFW department chair
5. Learning agreement completed and signed at the meeting by teacher, Arts Scholars, IPFW faculty mentor and IPFW department chair
6. Teacher schedules a meeting with the Arts Scholar at the school site to enable the student to become familiar with the project, location and resources
7. Project is initiated, with Arts Scholars working approximately 30-40 hours for one semester during class time (or after school if appropriate) to mentor and teach the students
8. Teacher provides mid-project and final project evaluations in meetings with Arts Scholar
9. Culminating event/activity occurs
10. Arts Scholar completes portfolio, shares it with teacher and provides to IPFW faculty mentor and copy to Arts Connection Coordinator
11. IPFW faculty mentor provides assessment and submits grade as appropriate
12. Stipends are provided at the conclusion of the project through IPFW process
13. Dean's office prepares report to granting agencies and updates web site

If you need more information, please review www.ipfw.edu/vpa and/or contact the IPFW dean's office at 260-481-6059. We look forward to working with you through the IPFW Arts Connection!