



Call for PD Proposals - 2026/27 School Year

Our mission is to bring quality art education experiences to new and experienced art educators & leaders across Suffolk County. We are looking for innovative and interesting ideas to enhance the instructional methods of our members and to promote advocacy for art programs throughout the region. Workshops must engage attendees' interests for the entire time-frame scheduled and provide relevant pedagogy for today's students.

You are invited to **submit a Professional Development Workshop Proposal**. Fill out the attached paper form and email it back to us, or fill out our [online form linked here](#). We offer 3 hour workshops on Thursday evenings from 4:30p–7:30p, and select Saturday mornings, from September through June. SCALA workshops are held at various locations across Suffolk County, typically in the instructor's home district or building.

We are looking for a variety of workshops based on theory, student population, technology and/or pedagogy and welcome activities appropriate for all grade-levels. Workshops must include a hands-on lesson that can realistically be utilized in a classroom setting and must be structured to sustain interests for the entire time-frame scheduled, and present as relevant to today's students. As you develop your workshop proposal, please consider differentiation and adaptations for various developmental levels as well as for English Language Learners. We encourage instructors to prepare handouts (physical or digital) that include learning objectives with connections to the current NYS Learning Standards for the Arts, resources, lists of materials, samples/inspiration artwork, differentiation strategies, etc.

*Please include (through email or [online form](#)) **2 high-quality digital images to support your workshop proposal.** These are required to consider your proposal and publicize your workshop.*

Instructors are paid \$85 per workshop hour. Instructors are responsible for the preparation, set-up, and break-down of their workshop. This is factored into the workshop and will not incur any additional stipend. *Please note that materials required for workshops are provided at the instructor's expense.* SCALA prefers to run workshops without a materials fee, as our members are already paying a fee to take your workshop.

The deadline to submit is **Wednesday May 6, 2026**. Proposals will be reviewed by SCALA and you will be notified in early June. Upon acceptance, SCALA and the instructor will sign a formal contract by the end of June, confirming the date, time and location of your workshop.

If you have questions, reach out to Kristin Cuomo and/or Karissa LaLima, Co-Directors for the Professional Development Workshop Series, at kuomo@scalaart.org & klalima@scalaart.org

Please consider volunteering for SCALA so that this organization can continue to thrive!

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Professional Development Workshop Proposal Form

Due May 6, 2026

Fill out online! <https://forms.gle/s43J9fdrqjyfvNj7>



First and Last Name: _____ School District where you work(ed): _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Proposed Title of workshop: _____

5 Sentence Workshop Description: _____

NYS Art Learning Standards covered: Circle all that apply (for details: <https://www.nysed.gov/standards-instruction/arts>)

Creating 1 Creating 2 Creating 3 Performing/Presenting/Producing 4 Performing/Presenting/Producing 5

Performing/Presenting/Producing 6 Responding 7 Responding 8 Responding 9 Connecting 10 Connecting 11

Essential Question(s) at the center of this lesson: _____

Instructor expertise in this medium/topic: _____

Supplies needed/suggested (provided by you, the instructor): _____

This workshop is for visual arts teachers on these grade levels (Circle all that apply): (pK-5) (6-8) (9-12) (AP/IB)

Maximum number of participants (minimum of 25, typical class size is 20-25) _____

Anticipated location: _____

When would you prefer to teach this workshop? Please list months, specific dates, or any other preferences/restrictions. Workshops are typically held on Thursday evenings, but we will also offer a limited number on Saturday mornings.: _____

Are there any SCALA events or committees for which you'd also be willing to volunteer and help out? (Circle)

Exhibitions/Shows PD Committee Administrative Needs Become a Board Member

I understand that this is a proposal for a professional development workshop. A SCALA rep will contact me to discuss the possibility of this workshop being contracted, including dates, materials, needs, and location. Upon acceptance, SCALA and the instructor will sign a contract.

Instructor Signature: _____

Please mail or email to:

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Email: Kcuomo@scalaart.org & Klalima@scalaart.org
Alternatively, fill this form out online:
<https://forms.gle/s43J9fdrqjyfvNj7>