

# MCA Curriculum Slam!

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Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

- ✓ Are you a contemporary educator with an interesting project or lesson plan you'd like to share with peers?
- ✓ Do you and your students find inspiration in the art and ideas of our time?
- ✓ Would you like to be part of the hugely popular MCA Curriculum Slam?

The Curriculum Slam, first developed at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, is a forum for educators to learn about fresh, creative ways to bring contemporary art and ideas into the classroom. Meet educators whose work embraces the spirit of inquiry and innovation. Hear how they engage students with the contemporary.

## How does it work?

- Educators from the Chicagoland community apply to present.
- The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago Teacher Advisory Committee reviews all applications. 8 presenters are chosen.
- Each presenter gets 7 minutes: 14 PowerPoint slides timed at 30 seconds per slide.

## Who can apply?

- Art educators
- All grade levels
- Must have real world teaching experience in a classroom setting

## What do you look for in an application?

The MCA Teacher Advisory Committee reviews all applications. They judge the applications based on the following criteria:

- **Concept:** Is the concept behind your project innovative?
- **Contemporary connections:** Is it connected to the contemporary (contemporary art, artists, ideas, issues)?
- **Classroom application:** Does your presentation demonstrate concrete classroom applications?

## Why apply?

*The MCA Curriculum Slam is probably the most efficient use of a teacher's PD and networking time. Nowhere else will you gain such deep information on practice of such variety and enjoyment.*

*The format is simply wonderful, and presenting is one of the more fulfilling experiences of my professional development career. I get to share awesome practices from my own classroom and absorb even more awesome opportunities while in the process of having a good time with peers.*

—Christopher Sykora  
Art teacher, Deerfield High School;  
Co-Creator of the Illinois High School Art Show;  
Art Advocacy Leader and Membership  
Coordinator for the IAEA

Applications are **due by Sunday, March 1, 2015 by midnight.**

Download the application online at <http://www2.mcachicago.org/event/mca-curriculum-slam-2015/>  
Questions? Email [teacherprograms@mcachicago.org](mailto:teacherprograms@mcachicago.org) or call 312.397.3841.