The **Vancouver Biennale** **BIG IDEAS Education Program** (BIG IDEAS) was launched in 2010 and aims to build a creative, collaborative community connecting educators, learners, artists and researchers who in turn shape the program striving for excellence in education.

#### BIG IDEAS in-School

Through an annual artist/subject advisor project grant, the program brings local professional artists and subject experts to collaborate with teachers to foster creative and innovative learning. Thisproject-based learning program takes students outside their classroom and brings the community into their classroom. The program has outreached to over 7,300 students from diverse socio-economic demographics in Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, North Vancouver, Richmond, Squamish, Surrey, Vancouver and West Vancouver.

**BIG IDEAS in-School** is a program that integrates the Vancouver Biennale’s current and legacy exhibitions with the British Columbia curriculum. Teachers are invited to submit a single classroom project or collaborate with other teachers/schools to develop a joint project. Project ideas can be drawn from **BIG IDEAS Digital** [past BIG IDEAS in-School projects](http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/learn/resources/learning-cases/) and [curriculum unit plans](http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/learn/resources/curriculum-unit-plans/) covering inquiry topics such as environmental, cultural or historical perspectives, mathematical applications, global citizenship or social change.

All artist/subject expert workshops are to take place during school. The professional fee of $1,200 including GST is jointly funded by the Vancouver Biennale ($600) and the school board/school ($600). School board support is in place for a number of school districts. The school is responsible for other project expenses such as materials, equipment and field trip.Registration deadline is **4 pm on** **November 27, 2015. Contact the Biennale office if you require assistance with the application or more details on funding assistance.**

#### 2016 Program Theme – Art as a Catalyst for Learning

Vancouver Biennale’s BIG IDEAS Education invites cross-curricular project proposals that demonstrate how art is a catalyst for learning throughout the entire project-based learning process. Successful submissions should articulate clear and direct linkages to specific Biennale art installation(s) that inspire the BIG IDEAS project, guiding questions, inquiry challenges, and art-infused creations. Submissions should also consider exploring specific aspects of the community around the art installation(s) that are relevant to the project theme as part of the field trip.

#### Program Features

* **Arts Inquiry** fosters discovery and creative learning through Biennale public arts.
* **Arts Infusion** facilitates expression in multiple art forms through artist-led workshops in schools.
* **Cross-Curricular** drives integrated learning concepts across multiple subject areas.
* **Socially Inclusive** connects to all schools and all grades within British Columbia.
* **Community-based** takes students outside their classrooms and brings community into the classroom.
* **Online Resources** provides exemplary multi-media instructional samples and project toolkit.

#### Key Dates

* December 18, ’15 Grant Award Notification
* January 20, ‘16 Project Launch & Teacher Sharing Workshop @Biennale office
* May 25, ’16 Project Celebration & Dialogue Workshop @Biennale office

**For more Information:** Contact Vancouver Biennale: P: 604-682-1289/
email: edu@vancouverbiennale.com/ access website: [www.vancouverbiennale.com/learn](http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/learn)

**Program Registration** (*Please print or type the entire application)*

Applicants must be teachers or administrators applying on behalf of one or more classes of a BC public, independent or First Nations elementary or secondary school. Exceptions must be approved by the Biennale prior to submission**.** All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Applicant must inform the Biennale if there is a change in project lead.

**Deadline: All signed registration forms must be received by 4 pm on November 27, 2015**

**Mail Submission:** Vancouver Biennale BIG IDEAS Education Program

 290 West 3rd Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1G1

**email:** edu@vancouverbiennale.com

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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| Project Lead: |  |
| Title/Position: |  |
| School Name: |  |
| School Address: |  | District: |  |
| City: |  | Postal Code: |  |
| Email (required): |  | Fax: |  |
| School Phone & Cell Phone: |  |

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

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| Project Title: |  |
| Project Description:  |  |
|  | Please list all participating teachers – name, grade, subject and # students |
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| Where did you find out about our program? |  |
| Planning Your Project/Unit of Inquiry: Start with a **BIG IDEAS DIGITAL** [curriculum unit plan](http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/learn/resources/curriculum-unit-plans/) then add/modify with your own ideas or create a new project plan. Collaborative projects involving multi-grades or multi-classes only need to submit one application. It can be helpful to contact your preferred BIG IDEAS artists and prepare your submission together.

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| 1. **Estimate Timing of Project:**

[ ]  Part of a major unit of study that will span the entire school year[ ]  Part of a school term unit of study that will span the entire spring term[ ]  January to March, target to complete by Spring Break[ ]  April to June, start after Spring Break |
| 1. **Enduring Understanding:** *A central idea that encapsulates multiple important learning concepts stated in the* [*BC’s new curriculum*](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/) *for a selected subject and grade level. Please state the subject, grade level and the project central idea. The statement should be broad enough for cross-curricular inquiry.*
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| 1. **Guiding Questions:** *(Limit to one or two questions) To act as the pillars for the entire project; driving inquiries into specific topics covered by the Enduring Understanding. Additional sub-questions can be included in the Inquiry Challenges section. The Guiding Questions can be used as the basis for assessment.*
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| 1. **Mind Opening:** *How do you cultivate an open-minded learning culture and foster student engagement in your classroom?*
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| 1. **Connecting to the Biennale Exhibition for Discovery and Inspiration:** *Which Biennale art installation(s) do you plan to visit and how do you plan to connect it to the project theme? View current Biennale artworks at* [*http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/explore-art/artworks*](http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/explore-art/artworks)*. What is the proposed timing of the field trip? Include any other resources you plan to use for this unit of inquiry. Please describe how you envision art as a catalyst for learning?*
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| 1. **Inquiry Challenges:** *Please break the project down and provide a list of lesson concepts and inquiry activities. These challenges should relate back to the guiding question and drive deeper understanding of the central project idea. How do you plan to connect the field trip experience back in the classroom? Please include art integrated learning ideas in your session plan.*
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| 1. **Student Creation/Taking Action:** *List three or four collaborative final projects/actions for the students to choose from. Within each project consider an element of choice in term of media or method of presentation. What can learners do to inspire and cause positive changes or actions out of this unit of inquiry? Consider community projects, individual initiatives, political or even global campaigns the students can get involved in.*
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| 1. **Ideas for Cross-Curricular Access:** *Extend the inquiry challenges to one or two specific cross-curricular link per subject area. Avoid broad and general Prescribed Learning Outcomes.*
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| 1. **Communication & Documentation Plan:** How do youplan to communicate project updates to the parents and the school community?Doyou plan to take photos/videos or use social media (twitter/blog)?
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**Grant Application** *(Please complete this section to apply for grant assistance)*Before you apply, please ensure that:[ ]  You have a clear understanding of the **2016 Art as a Catalyst for Learning** project and your commitment[ ]  You have reviewed the list of BIG IDEAS Artist Collaborators on vancouverbienale.com/learn website[ ]  Your school Principal has signed off on the required matching fund and program agreement

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| **Select and Calculate Your Grant Request:***Please Select either Option 1: Artist Collaborator Grant or Option 2: Subject Advisors Grant:* |
| **Option 1: Artist Collaborator Grant**  | **# of classes** | **Grant $/class** | **Project $ Request** |
| [ ] Artist Collaborator Grant | First SecondThirdFourth | $600$400$2000 |  |
| Through the Artist Collaborator Grant,the programbringsa BIG IDEAS professional artist to collaborate with the teacher to meet the learning objectives. The artist will conduct art-making workshops to infuse an artistic creative process into the project. If you are applying for the Artist Collaborator grant, please complete the following three questions: |
| *Please indicate the artistic discipline you plan to integrate in your project:*  [ ]  Dance [ ]  Music [ ]  Drama [ ]  Poetry [ ]  Visual Arts [ ]  Video/film [ ]  Photography [ ]  Others \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| *Who is* *your preferred Biennale BIG IDEAS artist or provide your own artist and contact details*  *First Choice:* *Second Choice:* |
| *To insure your selected artist meets your expectations, please outline the desired focus of the artist workshops. e.g. creation of original music, performance experience, art exhibit, 3Dinstallation, video/film, drama, poetry/spoken words, photo book/poster, specific art-makingactivities …* |
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| **Option 2: Subject Advisors Grant** | **# of classes** | **Grant $/class** | **Project $ Request** |
| [ ]  Subject Advisors Grant  | Limit to one class per school | $600 |  |
| Through the Subject Advisors Grant,the teachers can arrange to bring in their own subject specialist(s) or practicing professional(s) to provide project consultation services and/or information sessions. If you are applying for the Subject Advisors Grant, please complete the following two questions: |
| *What is the consultation objectives, session outline and approximate session date(s)* |
| *Please provide subject advisor(s) C.V. (Attach separate sheets as required)* |
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| **Identify and Calculate Required School Board/School Funding:** |
| **School Funding**  | **# of classes** | **Amount $/Class** | **Total** |
| **OR** | Artist CollaboratorSubject Advisor |  | $600$600 |  |
| Please list your sources to cover expenses to be funded by board/school |
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**Program Agreement**

Through the submission of the completed and signed registration, the applicant agrees to

**Process:**

* follow the Vancouver Biennale BIG IDEAS project roadmap and complete the project by June, 2015

**Forms:**

* return signed parental/guardian permission (Vancouver Biennale template) for all participating students to the Vancouver Biennale office **BEFORE** the artist collaborator starts their workshops;
* obtain signed parental/guardian waiver for field trips

**Documentation:**

* take photos throughout the project and share with the Vancouver Biennale for online documentation;
* complete the project learning case document (Vancouver Biennale template);
* share and authorize the posting of your unit of inquiry on the Vancouver Biennale website;
* allow the Vancouver Biennale to video/digitally record, edit and post all activities associated with the program

**Communication:**

* allow the Vancouver Biennale to approve all signage, collateral, promotional materials and didactics produced by your school prior to production;
* insure that all materials associated with the Vancouver Biennale BIG IDEAS **2016 Art as Catalyst for Learning** program must include the full program name, the Vancouver Biennale logo and the acknowledgement of the Vancouver Biennale as the program presenter;
* agree to receive electronic communication from the Vancouver Biennale
* authorize the Vancouver Biennale to use the name of the school in future marketing and communication materials of any nature including but not limited to written, verbal or visual materials in any territory chosen by the Vancouver Biennale;
* authorize the Vancouver Biennale to promote its various programs and sell merchandise at the program events.
* Include Biennale staff in all communications with the artist and stay in contact with Biennale staff throughout the project and authorize occasional visits from Biennale staff to document and observe the project.

**SIGNATURES**

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| Project Lead Signature   | Date |
| Principal/District Representative Signature | Date  |

**ABOUT THE BIENNALE**

The Vancouver Biennale is a non-profit charitable organization that celebrates art in public space, creating a catalyst for learning, community engagement and social action.

**SUPPORT THE BIENNALE**

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