

Dia:

Dia Teens

Apply now Summer 2022



Photo: Don Stahl

“I would describe Dia Teens as open, artistic, and raw. Dia is a space to learn and have fun at the same time and it opens up a whole new mentality in a good way.”

– Anali, Dia Teens 2020-2021

What is Dia Teens?

Dia Teens is an intensive program that elevates the voices, ideas, and contributions of youth. Participants explore practices related to contemporary art; conceptualize and creatively realize their own original projects; work collaboratively with peers and their larger communities, as well as with artists and professionals from a diversity of fields.

What happens?

- **COLLABORATE** with peers and artists to realize original and self-directed projects
- **LEARN, PRACTICE, AND DEVELOP** skills related to critical thinking, self-expression, and art-making
- **BUILD COMMUNITY** and **ENGAGE** with other teens, artists, and organizations in New York City and beyond
- **IDENTIFY, QUESTION,** and **CHALLENGE** ideas related to contemporary art

Who participates?

- **FIFTEEN HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH** from across New York City with diverse interests and perspectives.
- Every year a new **ARTIST COLLABORATOR** partners with teens to create original projects over the course of the program
- **VISITING ARTISTS** facilitate workshops, participate in discussions, host teens in their studio and gallery spaces, lead critiques, and invite teens to participate in their projects.

Where does it take place?

Dia Teens program sessions take place at Dia Chelsea, located at 535 West 22nd Street, New York, NY 10011.

Past field trips include Dia sites in New York City, artist studios in Long Island City, [The Jewish Museum](#), [Socrates Sculpture Park](#), [The Museum of Modern Art](#), [Comme des Garçons](#), [Gagosian Gallery](#), [Dia Beacon](#), and [Whitney Museum of American Art](#).

Want more information before applying? Email chelseaprogram@diaart.org.

Program Details

Dia Teens is a **year-round** program. Accepted students commit to participating for a full program year, which includes the school year and the following summer. Youth participants in good standing are eligible to receive stipends at the end of each semester during the academic school year. Dia is an authorized Summer Internship Program (SIP) worksite. SIP participants are strongly encouraged to apply. Please look closely at the year-round schedule below and make sure you can commit to full participation during the academic school year and the summer intensive before applying.

The Dia Teens program is **free** for all participants. In-program transportation, lunches, snacks, and materials are provided for all in-person sessions. Financial assistance for public transportation to and from Dia Chelsea is provided.

Program Schedule

SUMMER INTENSIVE

- July 5 – August 11, 2022
- Mondays – Thursdays, 10:30am – 4pm
- Field trips have extended hours

SCHOOL YEAR

- October 2022 – June 2023
- Wednesdays, 4pm – 6pm
- Field trips have extended hours

COVID-19 Health and Safety Information

To ensure the health and safety of Dia Teens students, families, and staff, as well as all visitors to Dia Chelsea, there are a number of protocols and procedures in place.

- To take every possible step to reduce recognized hazards and the transmission of COVID- 19 **all staff, visitors, guest collaborators, Dia Teens participants and applicants must be able to show proof of vaccination, including booster as eligible.**
- All program participants and staff at Dia sites are required to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Personal protective equipment, including masks and hand sanitizer, will be provided as needed.

Program sessions primarily take place in the Dia Chelsea Library, which has multiple vents for air circulation; the Dia Chelsea galleries; outdoors on Dia grounds; and nearby, walkable locations off-site in New York City.

Program participants can expect to come in regular contact with Dia staff, other Dia teens from both the New York City and Beacon cohorts, guest artists, and non-Dia participants during field trips and in-gallery experiences.

Please note: Dia's policies may be updated at any point in alignment with national and state guidelines. The Learning & Engagement program team will keep all students and families up to date on these changes.