

# 2019 Master Teacher II+ Fellowship Admissions FAQ



## ELIGIBILITY

**If I do not apply for the Master Teacher II+ Fellowship this year, can I apply in the future?**

Yes, you can apply up to 2 years from the time you complete your current Master Teacher Fellowship. Note that once you have completed one Master Teacher Fellowship, you will subsequently always apply for a Master Teacher II+ Fellowship, regardless of when you apply.

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

**What makes for a strong application?**

- A written application that is well-written, complete, and submitted on time
- A written application that demonstrates a clear commitment to the MfA community, advanced level of teaching mastery, and professionalism
- Past course attendance that is consistent, includes a variety of courses, and exceeds the required minimums
- Past overall engagement that includes credit and non-credit bearing courses as well as participation in community events
- A track record of professionalism and timely responsiveness to MfA communication and survey completion

**How will my fellowship participation/engagement be factored in if I went on leave during my Fellowship?**

You will not be penalized for any leave you took during your Master Teacher Fellowship.

## APPLICATION COMPONENTS

**My school doesn't do formal observation reports. Can I submit an informal observation instead?**

If you do not have a recent formal observation report (preferred), you may submit your two most recent informal observation reports along with your last formal observation.

**I have a new principal or assistant principal this year. Can I request that my former principal or assistant principal serve as my reference?**

You must have your current principal or assistant principal serve as a reference.

**What makes a strong MfA Colleague reference?**

A strong MfA Colleague reference is someone who is familiar with MfA programming and can speak to your leadership and learning in the MfA community over time.

**Can my reference submit a letter of recommendation instead of the reference form?**

No, letters of recommendation will not be accepted in place of completing the reference form.

**Do I have to retake the Praxis Exam?**

You do not need to submit a new Praxis Exam score unless we've reached out to you individually.

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## INTERVIEWS

### Does MfA award an Master Teacher II+ Fellowship to everyone who applies?

No, the MfA Master Teacher II+ admissions process is competitive. The majority of applicants will receive a 30-minute, in-person individual interview. However, a select group of applicants who overwhelmingly satisfy the admissions criteria will have their interviews waived and be granted early decision acceptance. Finally, applicants who do not meet our standards for a Master Teacher II+ Fellowship will be not be invited to interview and will not continue in the admissions process.

### Am I required to attend a focus group if I am awarded early decision acceptance?

Yes, if you are selected for early decision acceptance you are required to take part in a small “focus group” meeting with other teachers as a means of helping our research department collect information related to their fellowship experience. Focus groups will be 1.5 hours and will take place in April.

## FELLOWSHIP ORIENTATION

### When would my MfA Master Teacher II+ Fellowship begin?

If you are awarded an MfA Master Teacher II+ Fellowship, it will begin July. Your first requirement as an MfA Master Teacher II+ will be to attend an Orientation in the summer of 2019.