



DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

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Graduate Student Travel Support Application

Applicant: A. Grad Student

Position/Title: Graduate Teaching Assistant

Destination(s): New York, New York

Dates of Travel: 7.26.16-7.30.16

Name of Conference, Meeting, Showcase, etc: Training Sessions and Shared Presentations

Session Title, Performance/Exhibition Name, etc: *Up and Away: Arts & Autism* (July 27-29)

Brief Project Description:

Through my research and practical experience with the 4th Wall Theatre Company and Autism Alliance of Michigan, I have expanded my teaching artist experience to work with children with special needs. As a member of the 4th Wall Theatre Company we empower people with special needs to break through the fourth wall, get on stage, and shine. Through singing, dancing, and acting our actors-to-be learn about the theatre, the world, and themselves. We provide an enriching theatre experience with music and movement therapy creating a showcase performance for family and friends.

In 2015, Lincoln Center Education commissioned Trusty Sidekick Theater Company to create Lincoln Center's first-ever immersive theatrical experience for young people on the autism spectrum and their families. An intimate production for eight participants at a time, the production received international media attention, and was hailed as the "hottest ticket in town" by NBC. Over the course of its run at Lincoln Center, the production welcomed more than 1500 audience members. This training session will provide a behind-the-scenes look into two years of research and development, and work with members of *Up and Away's* creative team to explore ways in which you can bring your own artistry to this underserved audience. Participants are invited to present similar experiences with the session participants based on their own findings in working with young people on the autism spectrum.

Total Anticipated Expenses: **\$1,988.00**

Itemized Budget (Registration, Travel, Lodging, M&IE Rate, etc.):

Lincoln Center Lab: \$552.50 (if registered by April 15th)

Hotel Milburn: 242 West 76th Street. Phone: 212.362.1006; www.milburnhotel.com

\$179.00 per night plus tax and fees for a Standard Room (\$179 * 4 = \$716.00)

Travel: Flight: Detroit (DTW) to LGA (LaGuardia) est: \$350.00

MI Flyer: East Lansing to Detroit (RT): \$50.00

Per Diem: (\$71.00 * 3 = \$213.00) + (\$53.35 * 2 = \$106.50) = \$319.50

(<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>; 75% for travel days)

Other Sources of Support (Please denote: Anticipated or Secured):

Department of Theatre Graduate Travel: \$750.00 (Secured)

College of Arts and Letters Travel Fund: \$250.00 (Anticipated)

MSU Graduate School Travel Fund: Unknown

Notification of "Acceptance to Present" must be attached to application.