



**Center for the Performing  
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Boyer College of Music and Dance

# **2026 – 2027 Dance MFA Audition Handbook**

**Read this document in its' entirety to learn more about audition  
requirements, audition prep, and program FAQs.**

*If you have any questions that cannot be answered by your MFA Audition Handbook,  
please reach out to [dance@temple.edu](mailto:dance@temple.edu)*

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## Dance MFA Audition Method

For Fall 2027 admissions, all Dance MFA applicants will submit their audition materials virtually via [Acceptd](#). Acceptd charges a \$35 fee to submit your materials.

- Faculty will review all audition materials only through Acceptd. DO NOT submit any audition materials to your university applicant portal or via email.
- Applicants MUST submit a completed university application in addition to completing the audition requirements for consideration into the Dance MFA program.

## Dance MFA Audition Requirements

Your MFA audition submission will consist of five (5) parts.

### 1. Resume / CV & Headshot via Acceptd

- a. Submit an up-to-date resume and/or CV
- b. Submit an up-to-date headshot

### 2. Technique Portion via Acceptd.

- a. Choose and record yourself performing one (1) of three (3) core techniques taught at Temple.
- b. The dance audition phrases are listed below. Choose and perform one (1) of the three (3) phrases below.
  - i. Modern: <https://youtu.be/YrRTOGelxUM>
  - ii. African Diasporic: <https://youtu.be/1pKg1QG23hk>
  - iii. Ballet: <https://youtu.be/Z3tKAQUNrHE>

### 3. Improvisational Portion via Acceptd.

- a. Record yourself performing a two (2) – three (3) minute improvisational demonstration and a verbal explanation of your movement exploration

### 4. Choreographic Portion via Acceptd.

- a. Submit a three (3) – eight (8) minute recording of your choreographic work.
  - i. The work must be choreographed solely by you.

- ii. Your submission may be a piece you've created for this audition or be a recording of a previous work.
- iii. The recording may be of the dance style of your choosing.
- iv. Your recording should showcase your choreographic voice.

#### **5. Interview with Faculty via Zoom.**

- a. See Interview dates below.
- b. All interview dates will be held virtually via Zoom in Philadelphia's time zone (EST/EDT).
- c. Interviews will only be scheduled for applicants who have submitted all application materials to their applicant portal and audition materials to Acceptd at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled interview date.

### **Dance MFA Interview Dates**

Interviews will only be scheduled for applicants who have submitted all application materials to their applicant portal and audition materials to Acceptd at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled interview date.

After an applicant submits their required audition materials to Acceptd, the applicant will be contacted by Dance Admissions (dance@temple.edu) to schedule a virtual interview with faculty on one (1) of the two (2) below dates.

- **Saturday, December 12, 2026**
  - *All application and audition materials must be **completed no later than Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**.*
  - Applicants interviewing on the December 12<sup>th</sup> date will be considered for fellowship and other financial aid opportunities.
    - *University fellowship awards are competitive and are not guaranteed.*
    - *TA positions and scholarships are competitive and not guaranteed.*

- **Saturday, March 20, 2027**
  - All application and audition materials must be *completed no later than Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>*.
  - Applicants interviewing on the March 20<sup>th</sup> date will not be considered for fellowship but will be considered for other financial aid opportunities.
    - *TA positions and scholarships are competitive and not guaranteed.*

## Interview Prep

As part of your Temple Dance MFA audition, you will partake in a ten (10) – fifteen (15) minute virtual interview with faculty. To prepare for your interview, here are some questions faculty have asked applicants before.

1. What is your artistic statement or teaching statement?
2. What would your creative research at Temple Dance be?
3. Why complete your research at Temple Dance?
4. What are your favorite forms or styles of dance and why?
5. Why is dance important?
6. What are some positive changes you would like to initiate in the dance field?
7. What are your career goals that will be supported by the completion of an MFA in Dance?

## General FAQs

### 1. DO I HAVE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEFORE SUBMITTING MY AUDITION MATERIALS?

Yes! You must submit an application to Temple University before submitting your audition materials. [Apply Today!](#)

## **2. WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED TO SUBMIT TO MY UNIVERSITY APPLICANT PORTAL?**

- a. Goals Statement:** In 500 to 1,000 words, state your career goals and how you believe this degree will help you achieve them. Discuss relevant experience obtained so far.
- b. Transcripts:** Submit official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all accredited institutions you have attended and/or from which you earned credit. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted while waiting for Official Transcripts to be submitted
- c. Letters of Recommendations:** Submit two (2) letters of recommendation.
- d. Résumé:** A current professional résumé is required.
- e. International Applicants: TOEFL:** 100 iBT or 600 PBT minimum. A TOEFL score is required for all applicants who have not completed a bachelor's and a master's degree in an English-based curriculum.
- f. Standardized Test Scores:** GRE or MAT scores are optional.

## **3. CAN I ATTEND MY VIRTUAL INTERVIEW BEFORE I HAVE FINISHED COMPLETING MY UNIVERSITY APPLICATION AND AUDITION REQUIREMENTS?**

No! Applicants must complete all their university application and audition requirements before attending their virtual interview with faculty. Applicants CANNOT interview until after they submit all their university application and audition materials.

## **4. HOW DO I SCHEDULE MY VIRTUAL INTERVIEW WITH FACULTY?**

After you submit your university application materials and your audition materials, Dance Admissions will reach out via email to schedule your interview date and time.

- All interviews will take place in Philadelphia's time zone (EST/EDT).

## **5. WHO WILL BE IN MY INTERVIEW?**

An assortment of dance faculty.

## **6. HOW AND WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I WAS ADMITTED TO THE DANCE MFA PROGRAM?**

You must be admitted academically to Temple University and admitted into the MFA program via your audition to attend Temple.

You will find out if you've been admitted to the university and the program at the same time. Admittance decisions will be posted in your applicant portal **2-4 weeks after your interview date.**

## **7. WHAT IF I HAVEN'T BEEN NOTIFIED ABOUT MY ADMITTANCE ONE MONTH AFTER MY INTERVIEW DATE?**

Please contact [dance@temple.edu](mailto:dance@temple.edu) to inquire about your admittance.

## **8. DO I HAVE TO FILL OUT A FAFSA FORM?**

Applicants must submit a FAFSA to be considered for financial aid. The priority deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Temple University's Main Campus FAFSA Code is 003371.

All financial aid inquiries should be directed to Student Financial Services:

- Phone: 215-204-2244 | Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Email: [sfs@temple.edu](mailto:sfs@temple.edu)
- Book an Appointment: <https://sfs.temple.edu/about/appointments>

## **9. HOW CAN I BE CONSIDERED FOR A FELLOWSHIP?**

There are no additional steps to be considered for fellowship nominations. Fellowship nominations are made by every Temple college to the university. Fellowships are highly competitive and are not guaranteed.

- *Any applicant who wishes to be considered for a Fellowship nomination by the Dance Department should submit their completed university application and audition materials no later than Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and interview on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> interview date.*

#### **10. HOW CAN I BE CONSIDERED FOR OTHER FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES?**

There are no additional steps to be considered for any other departmental financial aid opportunities such as scholarships or teaching assistant positions. Faculty will use your entire application, audition materials, and interview to make their decisions.

#### **11. WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ANY FELLOWSHIP OR DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS / TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS?**

The department typically considers any scholarships in March and sends notifications to applicants late March into early April.

#### **12. WHERE ELSE CAN I DANCE IN PHILADELPHIA?**

Philadelphia offers a number of studios and companies for classes outside the university, including Ballet X, Koresh Dance Company, Urban Movement Arts, Evolve, and more.

#### **13. WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?**

Please contact [dance@temple.edu](mailto:dance@temple.edu) writing your questions or request a virtual meeting / phone call with the Dance Admissions Coordinator.

#### **14. I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDENT LIFE; HOW CAN I GET CONNECTED WITH A CURRENT STUDENT TO LEARN MORE FROM THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE?**

Please contact [dance@temple.edu](mailto:dance@temple.edu) noting your general questions, and the Dance Admissions Coordinator can connect you with a current graduate student who matches your questions or interests.

### **Ways to Visit and Learn More About Temple**

Email [dance@temple.edu](mailto:dance@temple.edu) to learn more about all the ways to engage with Temple and Temple Dance.