

TRAVIS BOGARD DAY-USE FELLOWSHIPS

GUIDELINES 2025 - 2026

THE DAY USE FELLOWSHIP:

This provides two five-day weeks of undisturbed work space for an individual Bay Area artist working alone. It is granted to a selected artist who can come and go on their own to Tao House between 9am and 5pm, Wed. – Sun. Neither residence nor meals is provided.

Fellows may apply for two separated 5-day weeks (*Wed. – Sun., 10 day total*), or two sequential 5-day weeks. (Requests are taken into account but not guaranteed). The site is closed Mon.-Tues.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

- Writers (playwrights, creative writers, scholars, critics); set designers; theatre directors; visual artists (photography, drawing, painting (water solubles only). No materials are supplied.
- Teams whose projects qualify are permitted: e.g., workshopping an existing work or work in progress. By pre-arrangement. Site restrictions apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

For application form, see <https://www.eugeneoneill.org/day-use-application/>

- Applications are accepted TWO times in a calendar year. Deadlines for application:

SESSION A: SEPTEMBER 1 (for fellowships Nov. 1, 2025 - Jan. 14, 2026)

SESSION B: NOVEMBER 1 (for fellowships Jan. 17 - Mar. 31, 2026)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Take a validated tour of Tao House prior to time of fellowship. Arrange a (free) tour with the National Park Service by contacting the Eugene O’Neill National Historic Site: 925- 228-8860/ tours x6422. The NPS will validate this requirement. The site is closed Mon.- Tues.
- Submit:
 - Two references: one should be a person related to the applicant’s discipline, the other is at the applicant’s discretion. Please include contact information for each.
 - A short curriculum vitae.

CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be at least 21 years old.
- Only online applications are accepted.

PROVISIONS:

- Work space is in three facilities; the Trunk Room, located in the courtyard of Tao House; the Travis Bogard Reading Room; the Old Barn theater space.
- Wi-Fi.
- A printer with Wi-Fi capabilities.
- Access to the National Historic Site, 9am-5pm, Wed.- Sun. Fellows must use their own vehicles to reach the site.
- A short visit to the interior of Tao House can be booked by request to the National Park Service. (No working or eating is allowed inside the house.)

SELECTION PROCESS:

A committee of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House will make the selection of Day Use Fellows.

APPLICATION ADVISORY:

- Application should include specifics of the project and an explanation of why dedicated time in the Tao House setting is important to the project.
- Only one fellow will be allowed to work at Tao House at a time, with the exception of a project team, when approved.
- All materials needed for projects must be provided by fellows.
- Applicants wishing to do research requiring the use of the Foundation Library or archival materials must submit a description of purpose.