

The Graduate Writing Fellows Program 2015-16

The University Writing Program

Writing Across the Curriculum Program

The Graduate Writing Fellows Program offers graduate students from all disciplines a valuable professionalizing opportunity to work with other graduate students on their writing. We highly encourage fellows to apply from a range of disciplines so that our program can represent the diversity of interests and talents on our campus.

Applications Due: Friday, May 1st, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. to Brenda Rinard,
bjrinard@ucdavis.edu

Time Commitment and Responsibilities:

Graduate Writing Fellows (GWFs) can expect a time commitment of 3-5 hours per week.

Activities might include:

- A. Consulting with graduate students on their writing
- B. Shadowing faculty at workshop presentations
- C. Leading graduate student writing retreats
- D. Attending professional development meetings led by faculty and writing fellow mentors
- E. Facilitating writing/working groups for graduate students
- F. Completing a project related to writing by the end of the spring quarter

At the start of each quarter, GWFs will receive a schedule of all required activities such as meetings, trainings, and writing retreats.

Professionalization and Mentoring

Graduate Writing Fellows should leave the program with valuable experience and relationships that will benefit them in their future careers. The professionalization component of the fellowship involves:

- A. Seminar-based preparation program designed to help fellows successfully support other graduate student writers one-on-one.
- B. The chance to communicate with, support, and learn from other graduate students from across the disciplines.
- C. The opportunity to present at undergraduate or graduate Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) workshops with both faculty members of the Writing Across the Curriculum Team and other Graduate Writing Fellows.
- D. A letter or recommendation after completing the fellowship program from the WAC Workshop Director and the University Writing Program Director.

Selection Process

To become a Graduate Writing Fellow, graduate students

- A. Submit a letter of interest and a CV to bjrinard@ucdavis.edu by **Friday, May 1st, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.**
 - a. Letter of interest should include the following:
 - i. Statement of interest in the program
 - ii. Explanation of what applicant brings to the program
 - iii. Description of what applicant hopes to gain from the program
 - iv. Relevant experiences (e.g. working with colleagues on-on-one, working with diverse populations, organizing events)
- B. Attend an interview with the faculty director of the program
- C. Should demonstrate significant interest in writing as well as success in writing within their own disciplines.

After the interview process, each GWF will receive a letter of acceptance that lays out their responsibilities if they choose to accept the fellowship.

Stipend

Each fellow will receive \$3,000 stipend for the academic year.

Contact

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