CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Graduate Writing Fellows Program 2017-18**

**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 through one-on-one consultations. We highly encourage students from a range of disciplines to apply so that our program can represent the diversity of interests and talents on our campus.

**Applications Due:** Monday, May 8th, 2017 by 5:00 P.M. to Melissa Bender, mmbender@ucdavis.edu

**Time Commitment and Responsibilities**

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

1. Consulting with graduate students on their writing
2. Shadowing faculty at workshop presentations
3. Leading graduate student writing retreats
4. Attending professional development meetings led by faculty and writing fellow mentors
5. Facilitating writing/working groups for graduate students
6. 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:

1. Seminar-based preparation program designed to help fellows successfully support other graduate student writers one-on-one.
2. The chance to communicate with, support, and learn from other graduate students from across the disciplines.
3. 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.
4. The practice of designing, implementing, and assessing a year-long project to benefit graduate student writers at UCD. The projects of former fellows can be viewed here: http://tinyurl.com/wacprojects. Our fellows often have the opportunity to discuss their projects at professional meetings such as the College Composition and Communication Convention or the International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference.
5. A letter of 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:

1. Submit a letter of interest and a CV to mmbender@ucdavis.edu by **Monday, May 8th, 2017 by 5:00 P.M.** The letter of interest should demonstrate significant interest in writing as well as success in writing within their own disciplines and include:
   * + Statement of interest in the GWF program

\*Please specify whether you prefer to work on the Davis or Sacramento campus\*

* + - Explanation of what applicant brings to the program
    - Description of what applicant hopes to gain from the program
    - Relevant experiences (e.g. working with colleagues on-on-one, working with diverse populations, organizing events)

1. Attend an interview with the faculty director of the program. Invitations for interviews will be sent once all applications have been reviewed. Interviews will take place mid-late May. 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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