Graduate Writing Fellows Information & Application

The Graduate Writing Fellows Program brings together a group of Northwestern graduate students who want to augment their own (already strong) writing, leadership, and teaching skills at the same that they improve the writing skills of other graduate students at Northwestern. Graduate Writing Fellows work one-on-one with graduate students from across the university to respond to their writing in progress and to coach them in principles of expression, argumentation, and organization. Moreover, Fellows draw on their own disciplinary expertise and interests to help develop workshops, events, and resources that cater to both broad and specific graduate student audiences.

Benefits:
The benefits of being a Graduate Writing Fellow are numerous. In addition to earning a $3000 supplement to your stipend, through participation in the program, you will:

1. Become comfortable and facile with mentoring and teaching graduate students.
2. Learn to teach and work with student writers who come from a variety of backgrounds and possess a range of skills and interests.
3. Develop skills to improve your teaching of writing in the courses you already teach and assist.
4. Advance your own writing skills through exposure to and experience with the work of others.
5. Develop leadership and presentation skills through planning and leading workshops.
6. Be identified as a skilled writer by your peers, mentors, and potential employers.

Fellows will receive initial and on-going training and mentoring from Writing Program faculty.

Eligibility:
PhD students from any department/school may apply to be a Graduate Writing Fellow provided that you:

- Will have achieved PhD Candidacy before Fall 2017
- Will not be beyond your seventh year in your program during the 2017-2018 academic year
- Have experience writing for peer reviewed conferences and/or journals
- Can commit to attending the required summer training session (2 days in early to mid-September; dates TBA)

Responsibilities:

- Participate in summer training session
- Hold one-on-one writing consultations for 4 hours/week during the academic year
- Help plan and co-facilitate one cross-disciplinary writing workshop (the workshop will be held twice during the academic year)
- Develop discipline-specific writing programming and resources for graduate students in your department and (if relevant) other closely-related fields
• Attend monthly Fellows meetings to discuss program initiatives and tutoring practices, and to get feedback on workshops and other resources in development

**Application procedure/deadline:**

Please fill out the attached application and email it, along with a current CV and a writing sample of 8,000-12,000 words to nuwritingfellows@gmail.com.

The deadline for receipt of application materials is **May 3**.

Selected applicants will be interviewed during the week of **May 15-19**. If you are selected for an interview, we will also contact your advisor to endorse your application (note this will not require him/her to write a formal recommendation letter).

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Lenaghan at e-lenaghan@northwestern.edu
2017-2018 GRADUATE WRITING FELLOWS APPLICATION

NAME:
E-MAIL:
TELEPHONE:

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM:
CURRENT YEAR IN PROGRAM:
DATE CANDIDACY ACHIEVED:
ESTIMATED GRADUATION:

DISSERTATION TITLE:
DISSERTATION CHAIR:

250-300 WORD DISSERTATION ABSTRACT:

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GRADUATE WRITING FELLOW AND WHY DO YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE WELL SUITED FOR THE POSITION? (500-600 words)