DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP AT NORTHWESTERN

Session 1: Monday, June 18-Friday, June 29, 2018
Session 2: Monday, August 6-Friday, August 17, 2018

What is Dissertation Boot Camp?
The Graduate School and the Graduate Writing Place developed the Dissertation Boot Camp to help you make fast and significant progress with your dissertation writing. More importantly, boot camp is a chance for you to learn more about yourself as a writer. Therefore, at boot camp, you will spend most of your time writing; however, you will also be given the opportunity to participate optional workshops and receive feedback on your writing from fellow participants and the Assistant Director of the Writing Place, who facilitates the boot camp and runs the workshops.

Why should I participate?
Dissertation Boot Camp will help motivate your writing and provide you with an atmosphere where distractions are minimal and support is plentiful. Over the course of Northwestern’s previous seventeen boot camps, over 300 students from more than 50 different departments and programs at Northwestern have participated. In evaluations, all of these students agreed that they were more productive during boot camp than they would be writing on their own.

What can I expect?
If you are accepted into the boot camp, you will commit to attend daily writing sessions (M-F, 9am-1pm). Lunch workshops afternoon writing/workshop/tutoring sessions are entirely optional.

You will be provided space to set up your laptops and relevant books/papers. However, you should expect to be working alongside other writers (akin to a library/café atmosphere).

Snacks and beverages, as well as some lunches, will be provided free of charge.

How much does it cost?
Boot camp is free. But you must pay a $50 deposit that will be fully refunded provided you arrive on time and attend all mandatory writing sessions during the two-week period.

Who is eligible to apply?
If you have advanced to PhD candidacy (passed your dissertation proposal), completed most of the research/data collection for your dissertation, and finished at least one chapter draft (or you and your advisor agree that you have done enough research/writing to profit from the dedicated writing time), you are eligible to apply.
Additionally, you must obtain permission from your advisor to participate.

**How do I apply?**
Interested applicants should send an email containing the following information to nubootcamp@northwestern.edu.

- Name
- Department/program
- Contact information (address and telephone number)
- Advisor’s name
- Date candidacy achieved
- Year in program PhD program
- Estimated date of graduation
- Dissertation Title
- 250-300 word dissertation description
- Estimate of how much has already been written (percentage)
- Reasons for attending camp
- 2 specific goals for attending camp

Additionally, please specify which of the two summer sessions you are applying for. If you are available for both sessions (or if you would like to be considered for both) you may indicate as much, but please still state which of the two sessions is your preference.

Finally, please arrange to have your advisor send a brief email to nubootcamp@northwestern.edu endorsing your participation in the boot camp (this need not be a letter of recommendation).

Online applications are due **Friday, May 4, 2018**
Applicants will be informed about their acceptance by Friday, May 11.

**Questions?**
If you have any additional questions, please contact Elizabeth Lenaghan at e-lenaghan@northwestern.edu.